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Comment Of The Day

STEAMROLLER TACTICS

IF one impression is stronger than any other after reading yesterday's official speeches in the Legislative Council, it is of the steamroller tactics Government is employing to push through its plans and policies regardless of the views of others. The Financial Secretary and the Colonial Secretary spent most of their time throwing out the suggestions of the unofficial MLCs — and whether it was with the eloquence and diplomacy of Mr Burgess or the characteristic bluntness of Mr Clarke, their two speeches leave a feeling of profound dissatisfaction.

Another impression which emerges is the Officials' resentment of criticism — with here and there a touch of asperity to emphasise their exasperation at being told by a bunch of outsiders how to do their job. Admittedly not every unofficial MLC was brilliantly original, some were repetitive and one or two had little to say.

BUT the tendency to whitewash this debate has to be watched. By and large we have a good Government. They do not, as a rule, need much prompting but there are serious dangers in assuming as Government seem to be, that it alone has got the measure of the local problems and that outside help is unnecessary. And if this is not in fact their attitude they should try to convey this impression much more strongly in these annual debates.

Yesterday's meeting seems to illustrate most forcibly the undeniable weakness of a system in which the Public Service controls both the Government machine and the legislature. Somehow Government has got to guard against exploiting this weakness. It has to realise the dangers inherent in a constitutional system in which it has to be both master and servant of the people, in which it has to create and animate a parliament and yet be subject to its direction.

HONGKONG'S unofficials, it must be remembered, are not paid, full-time parliamentarians but prominent, active businessmen public spirited enough to give time and thought to the job of representing the people in Legislative Council and presenting their viewpoints. It is difficult to believe, however, that Government can weigh these adequately in a week — and that is another indication of the steamroller tactics we spoke of.

Obviously several unofficial MLCs' suggestions could have been effected by Government. If the budget debate is to continue to have value as an occasion when the views of the public can be submitted and considered, Government has to make a more genuine effort to take them into account. We have urged two general debates a year — but only on that condition. Otherwise the Legislative Council becomes an even more anaemic and ineffectual body than it is today.

Power company stocks move up

The Stock Exchange leapt back into prominence this morning with a new record turnover of $4,431,000 for a morning's transactions.

Cause of the excitement was yesterday's disclosure by the Colonial Secretary, Mr Claude Burgess in the budget debate, that Government had decided to impose controls — without nationalising — two electricity companies.

He said Government had decided instead to impose controls but added that Government wanted ultimate amalgamation of the two companies and integration of their generating capacity.

This morning 65,000 China Lights changed hands and 17,000 Hongkong Electrics.

"This was definitely a bullish market," said a share broker. "There was some profit-taking in the morning but you could see the reaction to the Government announcement was a good one."

Lights, which closed yesterday at $22½, opened today up 50 cents. They touched a peak of $23.70 before closing at $23.40.

Electrics, which yesterday closed at $27, opened today up 40 cents, rose to a peak of $28 and finally closed at noon at $27.40.

These were the two most active stocks on the market but brokers said that the scale of today's trading was an "obvious sigh of relief" that Government was seeking a solution which avoided nationalisation.

Castaways sail home on the Queen Mary

New York, Mar. 23.

Four Russian soldiers, who had drifted in the Pacific Ocean for 49 days in a 50-foot landing craft, sailed for Europe today on the Cunard liner Queen Mary.

The soldiers were rescued by a U.S. aircraft carrier on March 6 from their craft, which had drifted 1,000 miles into the Pacific from the Kurile Islands.

The soldiers occupied two tourist room cabins. They are bound for Cherbourg, and an interpreter from the Russian Embassy said they will spend four or five days in Paris.

They were accompanied by a movie photographer from Soviet Cinema and a Russian newspaper correspondent.—AP.

Another radiopicture of Prince Andrew, this time with his mother, father, brother and sister, was received in Hongkong today.—UPI.

WHO DOES PRINCE ANDREW RESEMBLE?

London, Mar. 23.

The Queen's baby Prince—Andrew Albert Christian Edward—had British people arguing today over whether he looks more like his mother or father.

The majority say he looks more like his mother.

Prince Andrew, 33 days old, was making his photographic debut. He peeked out coyly for the first time from the pages of all but one of Britain's national newspapers.

Exception: The Communist Daily Worker.

Every other paper devoted several pages to court photographer Cecil Beaton's pictures and to an analysis of the Prince's names — announced yesterday.

BABIES ARE BABIES

The Daily Express scrutinised its pictures and concluded:

"Babies, let's face it, look like babies."

But it went on to venture, "without fear of contradiction (but in the sure knowledge that contradictions there will be) the Express declares that Andrew has his mother's mouth."

He had a twinkle in his blue eyes, which made one think of his father when he was making one of his famous sallies, said the Express.

The Daily Herald didn't believe he looked much like either parent but conceded he had the same shape face as Prince Philip.

Almost everyone liked the pictures except the Daily Sketch. It said Beaton's posing was "far too formal and stuffy," any one of its staff photographers could have done better.

THE NAME ANDREW

As for the names, it is more than 500 years since there was a Prince Andrew in a British Royal Family. The last one was a grandson of Robert II of Scotland.

St Andrew is the patron saint alike of Scotland and of Greece. The Royal Family have close connections with both countries.

It also was the name of Prince Philip's father, Prince Andrew of Denmark and Greece.—AP.

Big gold haul on vessel

Tokyo, Mar. 24.

Japanese customs officials today confiscated 26 gold bars worth about US$28,000 aboard a Danish freighter and arrested two Chinese crewmen.

The gold was discovered by Captain Erik Rasmessen aboard the Maersk Lines' ship Ras Maersk in the vessel's provision room while it was en route from Hongkong to Japan.

He confiscated the bars and handed them over to Japanese officials when the ship docked.

Held on suspicion of suspected smuggling were room boy Lou Sze-cheung and cook Chao Yue-sang.—UPI.

MILLION DOLLAR PROBLEM

New York, Mar. 23.

What do you do if you have $5 million?

That's the problem of the corporation which publishes the New Yorker magazine, a witty and urbane weekly.

At their annual meeting, stockholders quickly re-elected directors, then the President, Mr Stephen B. Bostford, announced the magazine had $5 million in loose cash, plus a million in Government bonds.

"What are you going to do with all that cash?" asked a stockholder.

"I don't know," replied a smiling Mr Bolsford: "There's too much of it."

Various investments were considered briefly but the only conclusion reached was Mr Bolsford's:

"We ought to do something."

So the meeting was adjourned yesterday until next year — when, presumably the stockholders will have to think of what to do with even more cash.—AP.

STOP PRESS

COL. TWADDLE

NEW C.O. FOR HK REGIMENT

Lt-Col T.A.M. Twaddle, the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, arrived in the troopship Nevasa this morning to succeed Lt-Col J. D. Ricketts as commanding officer of the Hongkong Regiment.

Lt-Col Twaddle served in Hongkong for two years from 1954 with the King's Own Royal Regiment before its amalgamation with the Border Regiment.

He was then transferred to Ottawa as Director of Infantry with the Canadian Army where he served for three years.

He had two months home leave before coming here.

Lt-Col Ricketts, who has been with the Hongkong Regiment since February 1959, will return home with his family in the ms Corfu on April 6 on retirement.

British Guiana MLCs arrested

London, Mar. 23.

Two members of an official delegation from British Guiana, were arrested during a demonstration outside South Africa House today.

They will appear at a London magistrates' court tomorrow. The delegation members were identified as Mr Jai Narine Singh, a barrister and leader of the Guiana Independence Movement, and Mr Forbes Burnham, also a barrister and leader of the People's National Congress.

Both men are members of the legislative council in British Guiana.

'SHOCKING'

Eight other men were arrested.

Dr Cheddi Jagan, Chief Minister of British Guiana, charged police with "shocking behaviour" in breaking up the demonstration outside the South African Government's London headquarters.

He said he planned an immediate protest to the British Home Office. He charged he too was manhandled, though he was not among those arrested.

The clash between demonstrators and police capped a series of protests prompted mainly by students against this week's shootings in South Africa.—AP.

NEW CAR FERRY

The keel-laying ceremony of one of the four new vehicular ferries to be built for Hongkong's Yaumati Ferry Company Ltd took place at Kowloon Dock today.

With the four new vessels, the company will have a fleet of 10 vehicular ferries.

The first is expected to be completed in September this year. Each will cost about $2½ million.

They are about 40 feet longer than the existing vehicular ferries.

When completed, they will be put in the temporary service, plying between the central reclamation area and Jordan Road.

CHEONGSAM IS LIMITED SAYS TOP DESIGNER

China Mail Reporter

Once and for all . . . the Cheongsam!

It is not sweeping the western style world.

It is not the most classical gown in the world.

It never looks like catching on in any other country apart from China.

Who says so? None other than the great dress designer Pierre Balmain himself.

"It often gives me great inspiration," M. Balmain conceded.

"But as a world fashion? never!" he said with a flourish of Gallic gestures.

WONDERFUL

"Let's face facts. The cheongsam is a wonderful national gown.

"It is extremely attractive. It flatters the beautiful Chinese woman's figure, all this, granted.

"But it is too limited. That is to say in its cut. To be a cheongsam it must have the high collar and high slit.

PIERRE BALMAIN

"For instance if someone wanted to make the cheongsam with a plunging neckline, short of an internal revolution it would be regarded as a sin."

M. Balmain who arrived in Hongkong by Air India yesterday has recently come from Bangkok.

"In that wonderful city I had one of the greatest experiences in my life," he said.

"I was commissioned by the King of Thailand to design dresses for the Queen in their coming tour of America. The King had a man sent out from Saville Row to have his suits made.

"It was an experience I'll never forget."

And the design of the Queen's dresses?

"Varied of course, but I can assure you there will be no cheongsams."

New Agadir quake

Agadir, Mar. 23.

A fresh earth tremor about as strong as that which preceded the Agadir earthquake last month occurred here shortly before midnight it was confirmed today.

Plane's wing torn off by fierce polar storm

ON BOARD THE KISTA DAN, by SIR VIVIAN FUCHS

Kista Dan Mar. 23.

Constant bad weather since the Kista Dan was helped out of the polar ice in Marguerite Bay has hampered flying operations and the wing of our Beaver aircraft was torn off by a storm and swept overboard.

There have been only two flying days in the past but nevertheless we have managed to land six men from the Falkland Island dependencies survey team on Winter Island.

In September they will be flown to mountainous Adelaide Island to survey the area.

For the past fortnight we have been in company with the Falkland Islands ship, the John Biscoe.

An attempt to land one aircraft on Anvers was abandoned after two others and myself did air reconnaissance which showed the crevassing in the ice was too dangerous for planes.

In spite of flying conditions, six men have been taken off from Horseshoe Island 200 miles to the south of us and three men flown in by Flight Lieutenant Lord in very difficult conditions.

Two more flights will complete the relief of Horseshoe.

Since the storm, both ships have moved into an area of unbroken sea ice to find a smooth landing strip.

It was then that the other joined us, flying the 200 miles from Deception Island.

Sir Vivian Fuchs is leading the team of 30 British scientists and technicians on board the Kista Dan.

They are on their way to reopen Britain's Antarctic base at Stonington Island.—Reuter.

THE U.S. HAS NEW IDEAS

Gas Co. dividend

London, Mar. 23.

The Hongkong and China Gas Company declared a dividend of 1/- per share, compared with 10½d. previously.

The capital is to be rounded off to two million shares of 6s. 8d. by the issue of 79,980 bonus shares on the basis of one for twenty-four. — China Mail Special.

London closes quiet

London, Mar. 23.

The nearness of one budget kept buyers to the sidelines today. Gold shares staged a rally after their heavy two-day setback after South African rioting.

Industrials moved irregularly with good company results helping several issues. Steels moved into the track with engineerings, but motors turned dull. Tobaccos, breweries and textiles held firm.

Government bonds shared the quiet market and were mixed while foreign bonds remained idle and featureless.

Dollar stocks earned some plus signs on Wall Street's improved showing.

Coppers started firm but turned at the appearance of the bell.

Oils were easier and went fraction up today.

Rubbers and tins continued making headway but rubbers ended below their best of the day.—UPI.

Closing Prices

Giltedged Bonds
British Transport 3%, 1978/88—£64-9/16.
Consols 2½%—£46-15/16.
Consols 4%—£70⅝.
Conversion Loan 3½%, 1969—£61⅝.
Funding Loan 3%, 1959/69—£81-3/16.
Funding Stock 3½%, 1999/2004—£68-13/16.
Funding Loan 4%, 1960/90—£91¾.
Savings 3%, 1955/65—£80⅛.
Savings 3%, 1960/70—£79-13/16.
Savings 3%, 1965/75—£73¾.

Banks
Barclay's Bank "A" Ltd ord—69s 9d.
Chartered Bank—59s 3d.
Hongkong—£63¾.
Lloyd's Bank "A"—65s.

Insurance
Union Insurance Canton—£6-3/16.

Aircraft and Motors
British Motor Corp. Ord—21s 9d.
Ford Motor Co—40s 10½d.
Hawker Siddeley Group Ord—31s 3d.
Rolls Royce Ltd Ord—49s 3d.
Rootes Ltd "A"—10s 4½d.
Standard Triumph International—11s 9d.

Breweries
Distillers Co—30s 9d.
South African Breweries—23s 9d.

Building and Materials
Associated Portland Cement—73s 10½d.
Goodlass Wall & Lead Ord—49s 0d.

Coal, Steel and Engineering
Babcock & Wilcox Ltd—42s 6d.
United Steel—61s cor.
Vickers Ltd—34s 7½d.

Food and Tobacco
British American Tob. Co., Ltd—60s 9d.
Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd—72s.

Miscellaneous
Boardman Marden Ltd—4s 7½d.
British Oxygen Ltd. Ord—63s 9d.
Canadian Pacific Rly—$40.
De La Rue Co. Ltd. Ord—67s.
Dunlop Rubber Co—24s 3d.
Hongkong & China Gas—10s n.
Imperial Chemical—61s 1½d.
Lyons & Co—70s 0d.
Unilever Ltd—14s 10½d.

Paper
Bowater Paper Corp Ord—70s 0d.

Radio and Electrical
Associated Electrical—64s 9d.
Electrical & Musical—64s 3d.
English Electric Co—43s 0d.
General Electric—30s 0d.

Shipping
Indo-China Steam Nav. Co. def ord—20s 0d.
P & O Steam Navigation def ord—42s 0d.

Stores
Great Universal Stores "A"—49s 9d.
Marks & Spencer Ltd—71s 9d.
Woolworth F. W. & Co—04s 9d.

Textiles
Coats J & P Ltd—30s 4½d.
Courtaulds Ltd—00s 10½d.

Mines
Cons Goldfields of South Africa—74s 3d.
Cons. Zinc Corp. Ord—60s 0d.
De Beers def—103s 1½d.
Hongkong Tin—4s 4½d.
Petaling Tin—7s 6d.
Rand—83s 9d.
Southern Kinta Cons Ltd—28s.
Union Corp—68s.
West Driefontein Goldmining—172s 6d cor.

Oil
British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate—54s 4½d.
British Burmah Petroleum—6s 1½d.
British Petroleum Co., Ltd—67s.
Burmah—48s 6d.
Shell Transport & Trading—149s.
—Reuter.

Guarantees for short-term credits proposed

By an Economic Correspondent

London, Mar. 23.

Two ostensibly unrelated news items make significant reading this week. Both emanate from Washington.

The first says that President Eisenhower has proposed to Congress that the Export-Import Bank should provide a fresh system of guarantees for short-term credits and should also provide medium term credits.

Second is a report that Washington has heartily endorsed European common markets' (the Sixs) proposals to speed up tariff reductions.

The first item signifies America's intention to do something about the $1,000 million trade deficit for last year which is so exercising its top economic brass.

The other item is read as a measure of America's anxiety about trade deficit and the extent of its determination to redress it.

In brief, the United States is planning a major export drive.

That of itself is a healthy sign, America's history of protectionism being more conductive to a retreat behind barriers of import restriction.

Clearly by his reference to the export-import bank, President Eisenhower intends that the American Government should back such an export drive to the hilt. This bank provides funds for overseas only on condition that they are used to buy American exports.

This is a legitimate enough manoeuvre. But it indicates to other major exporters — Britain for instance — that America will spare no effort to sharpen the competitiveness of its exports.

There can be little doubt that this will cause at least uneasiness in Britain where at present imports show signs of increasing faster than exports.

This will be the more acute because the British Government has made pretty plain that Britain's exporters are getting as much financial help as they are likely to receive.

Nor does the British Government intend to become involved in a credit race with any other major exporter. This is a wholesome economic point of view but it does little to reassure British traders, faced with sharper American competition.

In this context the reported displeasure of British traders at America's backing of the six's new tariff proposals is understandable.

A few months ago, the Americans were expressing concern at the economic—even political — division of Europe, foreseen as the result of the existence of two rival trade blocs, the Six (France, Western Germany, Italy, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg) and the European Free Trade Association or the Seven (Britain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Austria, Switzerland and Portugal).

Their concern for western unity was said at the time to be tinged with anxiety that any get-together of the two blocs should not be such as to affect American traders adversely.

The proposals of the Six now endorsed by America are in essence that reduction of internal tariffs, due to begin in July, should be increased from 10 to 20 per cent and that work should begin straightway on determining a common external tariff.

Since members of the Seven are said to believe that such steps can only emphasise the division and discrimination in European trade, they plainly find America's endorsement difficult to reconcile with its earlier concern for unity.

Nor could they be blamed for interpreting this as a sign of America's determination to make its export drive a success. — London Express Service.

Record U.S. aluminium output

New York, Mar. 23.

Production of primary aluminium in the United States in February amounted to 156,826 tons—largest volume in the domestic industry's history for that month—the Aluminium Association reported.

The figure compared with 142,016 tons in February, 1959. On a strictly volume basis, due to the short month, February output of new metal declined about four percent from the revised January total of 164,024 tons, the Association noted.

However, on a straight production basis, it actually represented an increase in operating levels, it added.

Production operations in February averaged 84.6 percent of the industry's effective capacity of 2,336,300 tons annually, against 82.0 percent in January.

The Association said the higher operational level reflected the start of a pick-up in activity which is currently scheduled to increase new metal output in 1960 by about six percent over the 1959 record of 1,953,010 tons.—China Mail Special.

Decline in UK unemployed

London, Mar. 23.

The number of unemployed in Britain fell by 37,000 between February 15 and March 14 to a total of 418,000, according to Ministry of Labour figures released tonight.

This represents 1.9 per cent of Britain's estimated number of employees.—Reuter.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollars (per $1)	5.73
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.96
Australian notes (per £1)	12.69
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	1.70
Siam ticals (per 100)	30.00
Singapore (Straits)	1.81

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $4,431,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank ..	1240	1250	15 @ 1250
			30 @ 1250
			1 @ 1250
East Asia ..		183	180 @ 183
INSURANCES			
Union		100	
Lombard ..		48	
SHIPPING			
Wheelock ..	7.30	7.40	1000 @ 7.35
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf ..	188	190	
Dock	95½	96	1300 @ 95½
			200 @ 95½
Provident XD		18.10	1000 @ 18.20
Taikoo Dock	61	62	100 @ 61½
			100 @ 62
			200 @ 61½
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel XD		35¼	300 @ 35¼
			500 @ 35¼
			500 @ 35¼
			2500 @ 35¼
HK Land X All ...	49½	50	2275 @ 50
			1200 @ 50½
			1068 @ 50
Humphreys	21.30	21.60	500 @ 21.50
			500 @ 21.50
Realty	1.70	1.75	7000 @ 1.75
RUBBER			
Amalg	5.40	5.60	5000 @ 5½
			9430 @ 5½
			4446 @ 5½
			1200 @ 5½
			5000 @ 5½
Trust	7.00	7.80	148 @ 7.00
			1000 @ 7.05
UTILITIES			
Tram. XD	31½	32½	
Star Ferry .		160	
Yaumati XD	163	164	
C. Light .	23.30	23½	1500 @ 23
			6500 @ 23.40
			13500 @ 23.50
			20200 @ 23.60
			4000 @ 23.70
			7500 @ 23.60
			500 @ 23.50
			200 @ 23.60
			500 @ 23.50
			500 @ 23.40
			200 @ 23.50
			2000 @ 23.40
Electric ...	27.40	27½	1300 @ 28
			6002 @ 27.90
			2000 @ 28.80
			5000 @ 27.70
			2000 @ 27.60
			1000 @ 27.50
			500 @ 27.40
			63 @ 27.30
Telephone	35.75	36	4200 @ 36.25
			1700 @ 36
			65 @ 36.25
			4500 @ 37.75
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement ...	43¾	44½	2500 @ 44¼
			1000 @ 44
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	20.30	20.60	500 @ 20½
			250 @ 20½
Watson ...		27.40	
Lane, Craw.	32	32½	
COTTONS			
Textiles ..		9.70	3000 @ 9.75
			500 @ 9.75
			500 @ 9.75
Nanyang ..	14.70	14.90	2000 @ 14.90
			1000 @ 14.80
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro		15½	
INVESTMENTS			
Int.		8.20	250 @ 8.10
Allied	6.90	6.95	2000 @ 7
			1500 @ 6.95

NY MARKET RALLIES ON GOOD SUPPORT

New York, Mar. 23.

The stock market moved out of the doldrums today for the first time in a week.

Prices rallied on strong support toward the close with electronics, metals and scattered oils and steels spearheading the rise.

The industrial stock average scored its widest gain since March 16 and its eighth advance out of the last nine seasons.

Motors firmed on balance following a prediction by the head of Studebaker-Packard Corp., that the car industry would have a good sales year on the pent up demand for compact cars. American motors jumped a point and Ford, Chrysler and General Motors a half or more.

International Business Machines gained more than six in the electronics and General Time more than three. Bechman Instruments announced that sales and earnings this year were expected to top 1959 and the stock jumped more than a point.

30 Industrials	623.00
20 Rails	145.34
15 Utilities	88.33
65 Stocks	203.77
40 Bonds	82.72
Comm. future price index	145.37

Closing prices

Allied Chemicals	$ 51
Allied Mills Inc.	35½
Am. Brake Shoe	40
American Cable & Radio Corp	10¼
Allis Chalmers	32½
American Cyanamid Co.	50⅝
Amer. & Forgn. Power	8
American Tob.	104¾
Anaconda Copper	52⅛
Armco Steel	62⅛
Armour	37½
Am. Gas & Electric	51
Am. Home Prod.	159½
Am. Mach. & F'dry.	54⅞
Am. Sugar Ref.	29⅛
American Metal	23⅞
American Smelting	44⅞
American Tel. & Tel.	88⅛
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	10
Beneficial Finance	23⅛
Bendix Aviation Corp.	67⅞
Bonguet Cons.	1¼
Bethlehem Steel	46¾
Boeing Airplane	25⅛
Borden (The) Co.	44⅞
Burroughs Add Machine	31⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	35¾
Calif. Packing Corp.	26⅝
Canadian Pacific R.	24⅞
Chrysler Motors	52¼
Cluett Peabody	52¼
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	37⅞
Campbell Soup Co.	47½
Case (J. I.) Co.	13⅞
Cat. Tractor	29⅞
Celanese Corp.	28⅞
C. I. T. Financial Corp.	52⅞
Colombian Carbon Co.	47
Continental Oil of Del.	48⅝
Crown Zellerbach	44¼
Cuban Amer. Sugar	14
Diamond Alkali	54⅞
Diamond Gard	30¼
Douglas Aircraft	35⅛
Dow Chemical	90⅞
Dupont de Nemours	226¼
Eastman Kodak	106⅞
El Paso Natural Gas	30
Family Finance Corp.	23¼
Firestone Tyre & Rubber	36⅝
First Nat. City Bank	81¾
General Electric	90⅛
General Foods	101⅛
General Motors	46⅞
General Dynamics	44
Gen. Pub. Util.	63⅛
Gen. Tyre & Rubber	66⅛
Goodyear Tyre	39¾
Goodrich (H. F.) Co.	75⅛
Grumman Aircraft	23¼
Gulf Oil	31⅛
Hammond Organ	37
Heyden Newport Corp.	16⅛
Homestake Mining Co.	44
Idaho Power	47¼
Inland Steel Co.	78
Ingersoll-Rand	30⅞
Int'l Business Machines	436
Int'l Harvester	44⅛
International Nickel	103½
Int'l Tel & Tel	37
Interchemical Corp.	30⅛
International Paper	114
Johns-Manville Co.	52½
Kansas C. Power & Light	40⅝
Kaiser Industries	13⅛
Kimberly Clark	60⅛
Liggett & Myers Tob. Co.	63¼
Litton Ind.	71⅛
Lockheed Aircraft	23
Loews Incorp.	29
Lone Star Cement Co.	23½
Lowenstein & Sons	15½
McDermott J. Ray	30½
McDonnell Aircraft	37⅛
Monsanto Chemical Co.	44½
Montecatini	20⅛
Motorola Inc.	165
Montgomery Ward	40⅛
National Cash Reg. "A"	60
National Lead	90¾
National Biscuit Co.	50⅛
National Dairy Prod.	49
National Steel Corp.	70⅛
New York Central	23
Norfolk & Western Ry.	90½
North Amer. Aviation	33⅛
Northwest Airlines (Com.)	21½
Olin Mathieson	34⅛
Otis Elevators	39
Owen-Illinois Glass	96¾
Oxford Paper Co.	20¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	64⅛
Pan American Airways	18¼
Paramount Pictures	44¾
Parke Davis Co.	39
Penny J. C. Co.	115
Penn. Salt Co.	20⅝
Philip Morris	61⅛
Procter & Gamble Co.	96½
Publicker Industries	10⅛
Pure Oil	32⅛
Republic Steel	63¼
Radio Corp. Pref.	72½
Rheem Mfg.	22¾
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	50
Shell Oil Co.	37¼
Safeway Stores	38¾
Saint Reg. Paper	44¾
Scott Paper	70⅛
Sinclair Oil	44
Smith, Kline & French	56
Socony Mobil Oil	38¾
South Puerto Rico Sugar	10½
Southern Co. (The)	42⅛
Southern Natural Gas	35¾
Southern Railway (Com.)	48⅛
Sperry Rand	22¼
Standard Brands	38½
Standard Oil of Cal.	44¼
Standard Oil of Ind.	41¼
Standard Oil of N.J.	45¼
Steep Rock	10⅛
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	13⅛
Sunshine Mining	6⅛
Swift & Co.	40⅞
Texas Co.	77¾
Textron Inc.	23
Thiokol Chem.	47⅝
Tide Water Oil	20⅝
Time Inc.	65¼
Tri-Cont. Warrants	23⅛
Twentieth Century Fox Film	35
Union Carbide	134
Union Pacific Railway	28½
Union Oil of Cal.	35¾
United Fruit	23⅝
United Gas Corp.	30⅛
United Aircraft	36⅞
U.S. Gypsum	101½
U.S. Rubber	53⅞
U.S. Smelting	34⅞
U.S. Steel	83¼
U. S. Line Co.	27⅛
U.S. Steel 7 P.C. PF	145
Warner Bros.	40⅝
Waukesha Motors	39⅝
Westinghouse Air Brake	30
Western Union Tel. Co.	51⅛
Westinghouse Electric	50⅛
West Va. Pulp & Paper	41⅛
Winn-Dixie Stores	45⅞
Woolworth (K. W.)	64⅛
Zenith Radio	104

—UPI.

Yesterday's Closing COMMODITY PRICES

SUGAR

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Contract No. 4 (world)

March.	3.04-05
May	3.13-14
July	3.18
Sept.	3.19
Oct.	3.19
Jan.	3.26
Mar.	3.27
May	3.31
Spot—(F.A.S. Cuba)	2.98

Total Sales: 97 contracts.
Open interest 8,079 contracts.

Contract No. 6 (domestic)

Mar.	6.03-04
May	6.90
July	6.96
Sept.	6.94
Nov.	6.94
Spot—(C.i.f. N.Y. ex-duty)	6.70

Total Sales: 207 contracts.
Open interest: 3,234 contracts.

METALS

NEW YORK

Closing prices, all in cents per lb.:

Lead	Mar.	11.30
	May	11.40
Zinc	Mar.	11.50
	May	11.60
Copper	Mar.	31.00
	May	29.30

LONDON

Closing prices, all in sterling per long ton.

	Buyers	Sellers
Tin spot	787	788
3-month	780	780½
Copper spot	252½	252¾
3-month	237	237¼
Lead 2nd half Mar.	77¼	77½
June	76⅛	76⅝
Zinc 2nd half Mar.	92⅛	92¼
June	90⅞	91

—UPI.

COTTON

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Spot	31.00
May	32.04
July	33.28
Oct.	30.01
Dec.	30.03
Mar.	31.14
May	31.30
July	31.30
Oct.	30.01
Dec.	30.01
Mar.	30.81

NEW ORLEANS

Closing prices all in cents per lb.:

Spot	34.00 nom.
May	32.86
July	30.01
Oct.	30.03
Dec.	31.10
Mar.	31.30
May	31.30
July	31.38
Oct.	30.00
Dec.	30.56
Mar.	30.50

SAO PAULO

All unquoted.
(Closing prices all in cruzeiro per kilo)

Average price in U.S. at 14 designated spot markets: 32.04 cents.

Total sales: 21,280 bales

LIVERPOOL

Closing prices all in pence per lb.:

American Contract

March/April	21.78
May/June	22.40
July/Aug.	22.46
Oct./Nov.	22.00
Dec./Jan.	21.90
Mar./April	21.90

Mixed Contract

March/April	22.40
May/June	22.05
July/Aug.	22.68
Oct./Nov.	22.49
Dec./Jan.	22.30
Mar./April	20.30

—UPI.

RUBBER

SINGAPORE

Closing prices all in Straits cents per lb. f.o.b. Malayan ports:

No. 1 April	119⅝-119⅞
May	119¾-119⅞
No. 2 April	118-118¼
No. 3 April	118-118¼
No. 4 April	114½-115½
Spot rubber unbaled	119⅝-119⅞
Blanket crepe	113-118
No. 1 pale crepe	133-134

LONDON

Closing prices all in pence per lb.:

No. 1 Raw spot	34⅛-34⅝
Settlement house term:	
April/June	34⅞-34⅝
July/Sept.	33⅞-33⅞
Oct./Dec.	32⅝-32⅞
Jan./Mar.	32-32½
General markets, c.i.f. basis, ports:	
Mar.	34⅛-34⅝
April	34⅛-34⅝
Estate crepe	
thin April	36¾
thick April	37½

AMSTERDAM

Closing prices all in guilders per kilogram, c.i.f. April.

No. 1 rubber	3.33 buyers
No. 2 rubber	3.33 buyers
No. 3 rubber	3.30 buyers
No. 1 crepe	3.83 buyers

—UPI.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK

Closing rates:

Canada	1.05⅛
England official	2.8070
30-days	2.8060
90-days	2.8030
New Zealand	2.7970
South Africa	2.8105
Others unchanged.	

—UPI.

World plastic production has trebled

London, Mar. 23.

World production of plastics has trebled in the last ten years, a British industrialist said here tonight.

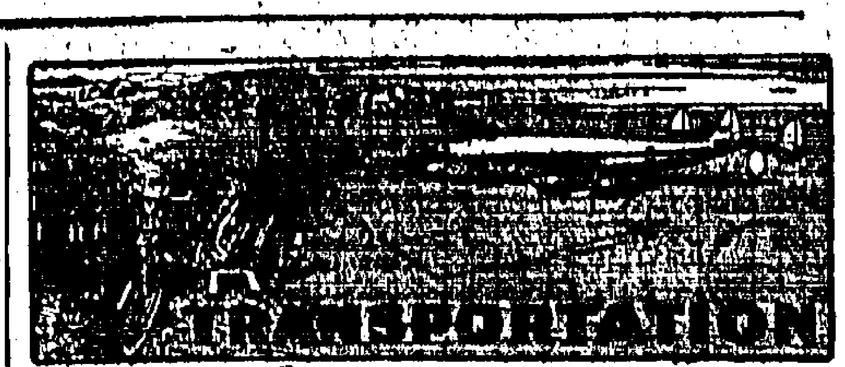
Dr R. Beeching, development director and technical director of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited added that this increase had been reflected in British plastics production which had also trebled. He was lecturing to the Institution of Civil Engineers on plastics in engineering.

Dr Beeching told the institution: "In Britain, thermoplastics were only a third of the total output in 1950. Now they account for nearly two-thirds of the present — May — total output, which is approximately 500,000 tons a year.

"This figure is still quite small in relation to the output of steel in terms of weight and the volume of steel. The increase in steel output since 1950 has been less than 35 percent compared with a 200 percent increase in the output of plastics."
—China Mail Special.

Agreed merchant rates

Swiss Francs Maximum selling 75½.



Airlines agree on lower fares for jet travel

THE I.A.T.A. Traffic Conference at Paris accomplished a great deal on what was an extremely complex problem. One of these problems was the "tidying up" of the various conditions and classes of travel.

Because of the high speed of the jet the carriers generally agreed that it was unnecessary to provide either berths or sleeper type seats in jet aircraft. As a general principle, where the same fare is to be charged on both jet and propeller aircraft, propeller aircraft will be permited to offer more spacious accommodation in first class configuration and, when operating services at economy fares, will retain the present seating densities agreed for the tourist service.

Apart from ensuring that seating densities in the newer types of aircraft — particularly jets — were established at economy levels the Conference did not make any changes in the other conditions applicable to the low fare services even in cases where the fares themselves were materially reduced and economy service were introduced in place of tourist services.

A big attraction for trans-Atlantic passengers who wish to keep their travel budget as low as possible is offered in the new excursion fare between New York and London of £114 round trip on propeller driven aircraft on economy services or £125 on jet aircraft, valid during next winter. A round trip fare of £106 15s. will be available on propeller aircraft between Montreal and London. The present economy fare is £165 return.

HIGHEST CLASS

The carriers established a fare basis on an amount of £178 one way between New York and London in the highest class of service—the same as the present de luxe fare. In future the higher class of travel will be referred to officially as "first class" for jets and "first class/sleeper seat" for propeller aircraft. The term "de luxe" is being completely abandoned.

There will also be a first class propeller fare at £157 (present figure £157) one way between New York and London for propeller driven aircraft with normal first class seating.

It was agreed that the present type of North Atlantic tourist service will continue until July 1, 1960. After that only the two classes of service—"first class" and "economy"—will be offered.

Basic economy fares for jets were agreed on a basis of £96 8s. (present fare £91 16s.) one way between New York and London and £90 14s. present fare £91 16s.) one way between Montreal and London.

Economy class travel on propeller aircraft will offer still lower fares. From May 1, to September 30, this year propeller economy fares will be £7 less than the basic jet economy fares (a cost of £87 10s.) and from the end of this period through the winter to March 31, 1961 they will be £10 14s. less than the basic jet economy one way fare (a cost of £84.)

The Conference renewed the present reduction offer for family travel in the off season on both classes of service.

TO THE EAST

Fares between Europe and the Far East and Australasia were satisfactorily agreed with effect from October 1. The first class fares will be increased by a small amount while tourist fares will be reduced between 6 and 10 per cent over the same sectors. Fares on jet and propeller aircraft will be the same but there will be a seating differential favouring propeller aircraft.

After May 1, this year there will be a special excursion fare from Europe to attract tourists to India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Nepal. The excursion terms will provide for parties of six or more travelling together on an inclusive tour basis with a reduction of 22 per cent on the normal fares.

Between Europe and Africa first class fares will be raised from October 1, while tourist fares are reduced in general by amounts up to 10 per cent. Special round trip excursion fares will be introduced between South Africa and points in Europe, including the U.K. They will have a validity of 90 days with reductions of 16 per cent below the present tourist fares.

The Conference did not discuss in detail fares or conditions within Europe, the Middle East, the South Atlantic or the Western Hemisphere as these had already been agreed at the Traffic Conference in Honolulu last autumn.

Swissair to double flights to HK

SWISSAIR is to double its flights serving Hongkong. And yesterday two of the airline's Planning Officers — Mr H. Nicole, Ground Operations Manager, and Mr E. Meyer, Station Planning Manager, arrived from the Swissair headquarters in Zurich.

Mr Meyer and Mr Nicole are making an extensive tour of the Far East "to verify the basic arrangements which have been made at the various stations for the airline's ground handling."

Said Mr Meyer: "Because of the growing popularity of our service, we will be offering more frequent flights between Europe and Eastern centres.

"We plan that there will be available from Europe three flights weekly to Tokyo, weekly to Manila, three weekly flights to Bangkok, two flights a week to Hongkong, Calcutta twice; and, subject to Government approval, Karachi three times weekly.

"We are here in Hongkong to conclude the arrangements for Swissair's extra flight serving the Colony, to commence in May."

"And," said Mr. Nicole, "we are also here to ascertain if any extra planning will be necessary for our proposed jet service through the Far East and Hongkong. We plan to have discussions with the local authorities and the Director of Civil Aviation, Mr M. J. Muspratt-Williams."

Swissair's present flight schedule to Hongkong comprises one eastbound service arriving Sundays and one westbound service departing Tuesdays. The new flight will operate mid-weekly and will double the airline's passenger operation to and from Europe.

Black Diamond ships for Orient

New York, Mar. 23.

THE Black Diamond Steamship Company, general agents for the C.T.O. line, announced today that Penang will become a regular port of call in their Far East Service.

The C.T.O. line has regular service to Manila, Hongkong, Saigon, Singapore and Bangkok.

Penang will be added with the sailing of the m/s Tohoro from Boston on March 26 for southern U.S. ports and the Orient.—UPI.

Modifications to Boeing 707's

Singapore, Mar. 23.

ALL Quantas Boeing 707's will be modified so they can take off on shorter runways, a Qantas spokesman said on Tuesday.

Mr N. C. R. Geikie, Quantas Sales Manager for Southeast Asia, said a powerful turbo fan device will be fitted at the front of each jet engine thus enabling the planes to take off on 18 per cent shorter runways.

Geikie said many more airports would now be able to handle the 707's as a result of the impending change.—UPI.

7 killed in smash-up

Melbourne, Mar. 23.

The death toll today rose to seven in the level crossing smash-up between a bus packed with school-children and a motor train at the country centre of Traralgon yesterday.

Another child died today. Six children and the bus driver are now dead.—China Mail Special.

Public anger aroused over lion-dog fight in Okinawa

Naha, Mar. 23.

Lt. Gen. Donald P. Booth, top U.S. military commander on Okinawa, said today he is confident no more public fights between lions and dogs will be staged here.

He took steps to soothe public anger in Okinawa and the United States over a show staged by Okinawans in Naha last Sunday when a chained lioness chewed up five terrified dogs in front of several hundred paying spectators.

INHUMAN

"U.S. authorities abhor such spectacles," Booth said.

"We are confident that preventive measures that are being pursued jointly with local government authorities will prove effective in preventing any recurrence of such inhuman practices."

Protests from American servicemen and Okinawans were followed today by an 8,000-mile telephone call from an irate woman in San Francisco, demanding that U.S. servicemen be kept away from such spectacles.

The dog lover, Mrs Malvina Wiest, placed an open call to the commander of troops on Okinawa and was connected with the commandant of the U.S. Army Headquarters here, Major Thomas R. Dent.

Major Dent told Mrs Wiest that he would put her on to someone else since he had nothing to do with it.

She refused, saying, "I paid my $12 for this three minutes and you will listen."

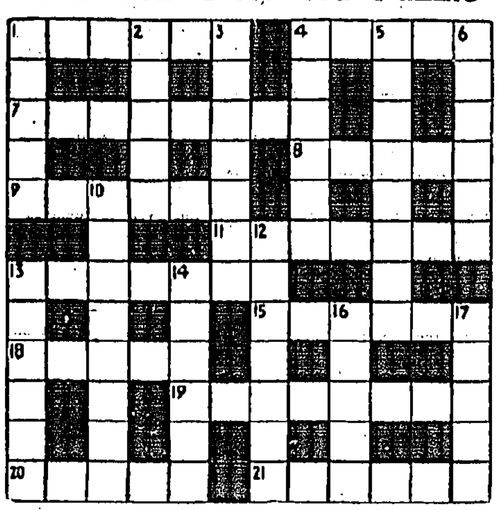
CHEWED UP

She told Major Dent: "I would like you to keep your troops from going to those lion-dog fights. I know you can't keep the Okinawans from going but you can stop the American boys."

The fight, staged in a Naha arena by an Okinawan promoter, was billed as a battle between a lion and five "vicious dogs." But the lion quickly chewed up the dogs, which one protesting American soldier spectator described as "terrified mongrels."

Another performance is scheduled next Sunday, and an official of the U.S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands said "the show won't be held again if I have anything to do with it."—AP.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Windy reinforcements? (6).
4 More than one letter is open (5).
7 Charm in state of insensibility finally (8).
8 Where to see upper class cricket? (5).
9 Take ill but not go sick (6).
11 Fitting comment on a great lady? (7).
13 Urban district in Durham (7).
15 Told what to say and prepared for discharge (6).
18 About in Latin (5).
19 Footballer's pain? (8).
20 Bondman! (5).
21 Put away (6).

DOWN

1 Dismal (5).
2 How a blacksmith may counterfeit (5).
3 One star legislator (7).
4 Leopard-like creature (6).
5 Banishment of the spirit (8).
6 O'Shea? (6).
10 Russian, peninsular when beheaded (8).
12 Removes the goods? (7).
13 Question roughly (6).
14 Not in a position to do (6).
16 Snake River state (5).
17 Fear—adder-inspired, maybe (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—**Across:** 1 Opus, 4 Hostile, 9 Lear, 9 Undo, 10 Initial, 11 Gala, 12 Ursa, 14 Steppes, 17 Lying, 19 Smell, 22 Amended, 26 Apes, 27 Leer, 28 Dribble, 29 Into, 30 Odin, 31 Darbies, 32 Ears. **Down:** 2 Pantry, 3 Slogan, 4 Halls, 5 Ornate, 6 Tot up, 7 Leave, 12 Ulna, 13 Size, 15 Peep, 16 Sets, 18 Felloe, 20 Marine, 21 Letter, 23 Maria, 24 Nabob, 25 Deeds.

New U.S. rocket

Eglin, Air Force Base, Fla., Mar. 23.

A new type of rocket to be used in U.S. space probes, the Astrobee, was fired for the first time late Tuesday night. It failed to reach its scheduled height of 515 miles.

A U.S. air force spokesman said the 26-foot rocket began coming apart shortly after its launching from the nearby Santa Rosa Island Missile Test centre. Debris fell into the Gulf of Mexico.—AP.

Britain serves a reminder

London, Mar. 23.

Britain served notice tonight that the full force of allied nuclear power would be used to repel even a conventional attack.

The defence Minister Mr Harold Watkinson told the House of Commons "no revision" is called for in the West's policy of reliance on the nuclear deterrent.

The minister, answering a labour MP, reaffirmed that Britain still stands firm on her 1958 policy of maintaining the nuclear deterrent — and being ready to use it first.

Mr Watkinson's statement, at a time when East-West disarmament negotiations are under way in Geneva caused some surprise among diplomatic officials.

They were inclined to see it as a reminder to Moscow that the Allies mean to keep up their guard until some ironclad agreements are reached both on disarmament and on the political issues dividing East and West.—AP.

18 children killed, 13 injured in Formosa accidents

Taipei, Mar. 23.

The roof of a classroom in a kindergarten at Shenshan, southern Formosa, collapsed yesterday, injuring 13 children and a woman teacher, police reported.

Police said eight of the children ranging from five to seven years old, and the 21-year-old teacher were in a critical condition while others suffered only bruises and cuts.

The teacher was about to dismiss the more than 40 children when the rickety classroom's beam suddenly collapsed, dumping wooden boards and tiles over the screaming children.

It was the second accident to happen to school children on Formosa in the same day. A ferry boat near Hsinchu in Northern Formosa capsized yesterday afternoon and 18 children, all below 12 years in age, and a woman drowned.—UPI.

K ASSURES FRENCH ON DISARMAMENT

Paris, Mar. 23.

Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev said today Russia was going to do everything possible to achieve disarmament and only insignificant items were preventing nuclear agreement in Geneva.

Khrushchev told a reception "we are going to do everything possible to bring about disarmament."

INSIGNIFICANT

Reviewing recent developments at the British-Russian-American Geneva talks on a nuclear test-suspension ban, Khrushchev said "only insignificant questions remain."

Khrushchev spoke extemporaneously to a group of Frenchmen representing the "French movement for peace," at a reception he held in the Foreign Ministry building where he is staying on his 12-day visit to France.—AP.

Speak up man, says Mr K

Paris, Mar. 23.

The Soviet Premier, Mr Khrushchev, told one of his translators today "speak louder or people will think you are undernourished."

The story was told by M. Raymond Schmittlein, member of the French Assembly who called on the Soviet Premier at a Quai D'Orsay reception.

M. Schmittlein told reporters as he left the Quai that Mr Khrushchev once turned to his translator and said "if you don't speak louder you will give a very bad impression about the standard of living in the Soviet Union. Speak louder or people will think you are undernourished."—AP.

3 workers buried in cave-in

Indianapolis, Mar. 23.

A gas explosion caved in an underground sewer project here today and buried a construction crew under thick mud.

Six workmen originally were trapped by the blast, authorities said, but rescue workers released three men who were reported in critical condition in hospital.

Three others were missing.

A half-dozen rescuers donned gas masks and worked in relays in the flooded passage 20 to 25 feet below ground.

The explosion apparently broke natural gas lines in the tunnel.—UPI.

Ben-Gurion ends tour

Tel Aviv, Mar. 23.

Mr David Ben-Gurion, the Israeli Prime Minister, said here tonight on return from his two-week trip to Western countries that he found almost no differences of opinion during his talks with the leaders of the United States, Britain and West Germany.

Reporting on his trip, he said "I explained Israel's attitude to the leaders of these countries, and I believe my journey has not been in vain."—Reuter.

Campaign against hit-run drivers

New York, Mar. 23.

Nineteen hit-run fatalities in New York city since Dec. 28 have led Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy to alert the entire police force to fight the menace.

In addition to the fatalities, 30-odd other persons have been critically injured by drivers who failed to stop.

In half the cases, the alleged hit-run driver has been arrested. Eleven arrests have been made in the 19 fatal cases.

Mr Kennedy urged residents to call a special police telephone number if they had any information on a hit-run case.

Mr Kennedy declared: "It is a sad commentary on the state of our modern civilisation that an ordinarily respectable law-abiding citizen can run coldly away from an accident he has caused."—AP.

Messages sent in lobster tails

New York, Mar. 23.

Cubans are using lobster tails to carry their message to the outside world.

Harry Sandler, Norfolk seafood dealer, opened a 10-pound box of Cuban lobster tails the other day and found this message:

"Our revolution is not Communist. Our revolution is humanist. The Cubans only want the right to an education, the right to work, the right to eat without fear, the right to peace, justice and freedom."

Premier Fidel Castro took over the Cuban lobster industry not long ago.—AP.

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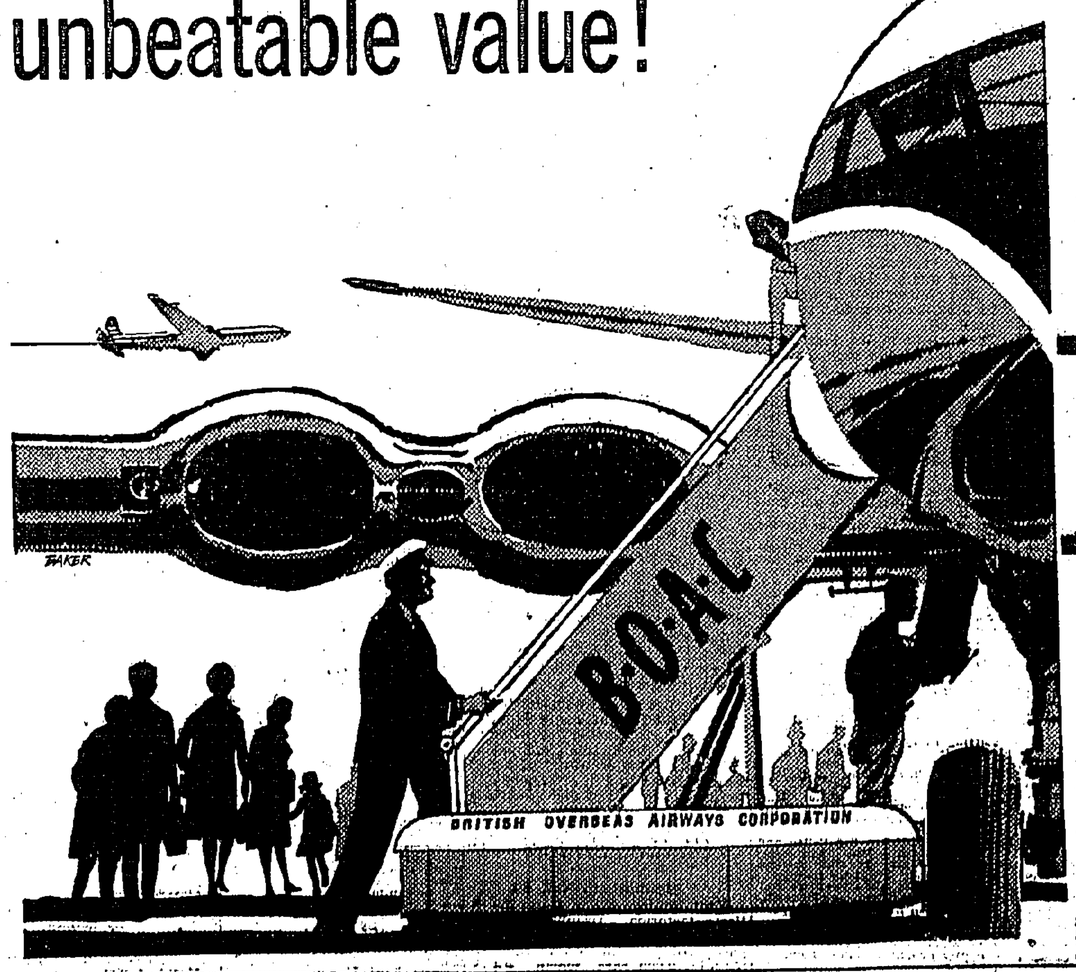

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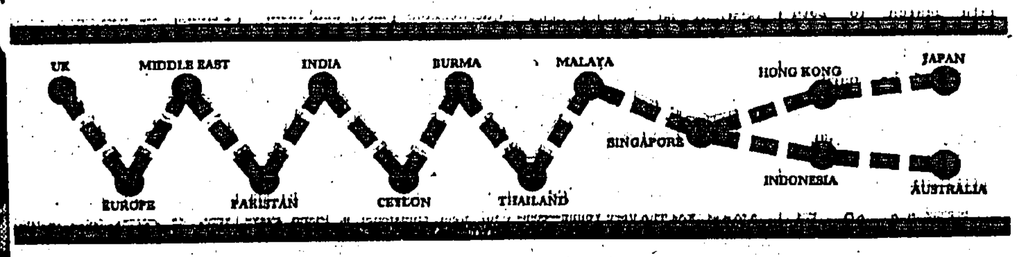

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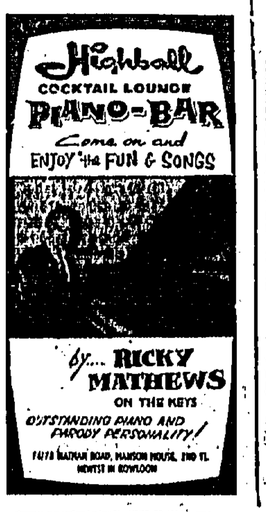
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, 25th March, 1960, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1959, to re-elect a Director, to provide for additional remuneration to Directors, and to appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 11th March to 25th March, 1960, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th Mar., 1960.



WONDER-BOY WANTS JOB ON RAILWAY

His I.Q. gives him a 38-point lead over the American wonder-girl

DANIEL McGEACHIE

London, March 23.

AN eight-year-old schoolboy with an ambition to be a railway carriage cleaner has amazed masters at a Surrey school.

They have found that he has an Intelligence Quotient higher even than that of Alice Marie Combs, the American "wonder child."

Mr Edgar Davis, 79-year-old headmaster of Parkside Preparatory School, East Horsley (£171 a year for boarders), disclosed the boy's story the other day.

In his book-lined study overlooking the school playing fields, he said: "I have made a study of intelligence tests over 41 years—and the rating of this boy is the most remarkable I have ever encountered.

"Although he is too young at the moment to be even top of his class regularly, he will soon be brilliant. I have plans for him to take a scholarship for Winchester."

EXCEPTIONAL

Master X has an I.Q. of 176; four-year-old Alice rates 138—only 12 below the American idea of "genius."

Said pipe-smoking Mr Davis: "We don't regard our boy as a genius—just exceptionally intelligent. The rating of Alice is not at all brilliant by my standards.

"I have several pupils with an I.Q. higher than hers. The school average is 127.

"The difference in ages means nothing. With I.Q. tests a child should maintain a steady rating whatever his or her age. Our boy, as far as I can tell, has 176 all his life."

Mr. Davis uses the American-devised Terman tests. "It is likely that the same test was used on the girl," he said.

The tests involve reading, vocabularly, ingenuity, imagination. They were published in 1919, and since then Mr Davis has studied them closely.

BIG JUMP

He has kept track of 702 pupils who were his test subjects. Some of them are now over 50.

Says Mr Davis: "I have found that generally tests taken in childhood have produced a true guide to the progress they would make in life."

But one thing has startled Mr Davis and others who have studied I.Q.—the fantastic increase in the ratings of children since 1945.

The average rating of 120 post-war pupils in 128; the averages in two extended pre-war tests were 113, then 122.46.

Master X was quietly reading at home. "He's just an ordinary sort of chap—at the moment," said head master Davis.

"He was asked by a master what he wanted to do when he left school. He said he wanted to be a railway carriage cleaner."—London Express Service.

'Horror story' told in murder trial

Birmingham, Mar. 23.

An alleged statement by a 27-year-old labourer describing the murder of an unemployed typist was said in court here today to be a "story of horror and bestiality worse than a nightmare."

The labourer, Patrick Byrne, has pleaded not guilty to the charge of murdering 29-year-old Stephanie Baird, whose headless and mutilated body was found in a Birmingham YWCA hostel on December 23.

Opening the case for the Crown at today's hearing, Mr John Hobson told the all-male jury:

"The story that you will hear is one of horror and bestiality such as one would hope never to dream about in one's worst nightmare."

Intoxicated

Mr Hobson said Byrne was working on a building site in Birmingham until the night of the murder and returned from his lunch break in an intoxicated state.

He then read a statement which he said Byrne made to the police.

According to the statement, Byrne said he saw a girl turn into the hostel gate. "I made my way through the side gate. I thought I would like to have a peep through a window. I have done this before a few times."

The statement continued: "I looked through the curtains of the bedroom which had the light on and I saw a girl wearing a red pullover and underskirt. She was combing her hair."

The statement described how he decided to have a better peep, got inside through a window, and looked through a glass panel above the girl's door.

The statement said that when the girl did not take any more clothes off he prepared to leave — when she opened the door.

Face-to-face

"She came face-to-face with me and asked what I was doing. I told her I was looking for somebody . . .

"We were standing quite close together then. . . I said 'give me a kiss' and before she could say 'no' I kissed her.

"She tried to shove me away but couldn't and for a second I got her round the waist . . . . she screamed and then I put my hands round her neck.

"She went backwards inside the room with me squeezing her throat and then fell backwards.

"Her head bounced on the floor and I was lying on top of her kissing her and squeezing her neck at the one time. I heard a couple of small noises in her throat but kept on kissing her."

The statement continued:

"I was fully sure she was dead then because I had the whole power of my back squeezing her throat.

"I pulled her towards me and took the red jumper off."

Later he saw the dressing table cupboard door open. There was a table knife in it.

The statement then went on to describe how he cut the head off.

Byrne then stated that when he got out of the room he was "pretty frantic" and went round the back where he saw another lighted window.

"I was very excited and thinking that I ought to terrorise all the women. I wanted to get my own back on them for causing my nervous tension through sex."

The statement then described Byrne's attack on another woman in the same hostel and his feelings before he attacked her.

Attracted

"She attracted me and I felt I only wanted to kill beautiful women. I watched for a while and stood close to the window. I only looked at her face and the urge to kill her was tremendously strong."

After describing how he attacked her, the statement then said Byrne ran back to his lodgings and had a good wash.

"I stood by the mirror talking to myself and searching my face for signs of a madman but I could see none.

"I felt I ought to commit suicide . . . . and then I thought of my mother and Christmas.

"I didn't want to upset nobody for Christmas so I thought I could put it off until after Christmas," the statement continued.

"I thought then I might go to the north of Ireland where the police carry guns and think of a way to make them shoot me," the statement said.

Defence

Dr Frederick Griffiths, a Home Office pathologist, said that the cause of death was manual strangulation. There were no defensive injuries and there was no evidence of recent sexual intercourse.

Mr R. K. Brown, defending, told the jury that it was as clear a case of abnormality of the mind as there could be.

He asked the jury to bring in a verdict of guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Dr Percy M. Coats, senior medical officer at Birmingham Prison, said it was quite apparent from conversations with Byrne that he was sexually abnormal.

He had come to the conclusion that Byrne was a sexual psychopath—a person who obtained sexual satisfaction by perverted activities.

The trial adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

1945 death sentence is quashed

Paris, Mar. 23.

The French High Court tonight quashed the 1945 death sentence against former wartime Vichy Government Education Minister Abel Bonnard, condemned in absentia for collaboration with Nazi Germany.

The court instead imposed a ten-year banishment sentence on the aged ex-minister, now 77, with retroactive effect as from May 2, 1945.

This means, in effect, that Bonnard, who fled to Spain after the collapse of Germany and spent 13 years in exile there, returning to France only in 1958, is now entitled to stay in his native land.

Bonnard as a member of the Vichy French wartime cabinet was also responsible for fine arts during the German occupation. Many major works of art were transferred to Germany during his tenure of office.—AP.

Strike ended

Birmingham Mar. 23.

Most British Motor Corporation factories resumed full production today after a five-day strike estimated to have held up 9,000 cars worth £4 million.—Reuter.

Tokyo newsletter from John A. Rickard

Party quarrels have led to another crisis

Tokyo (By Airmail).

There are not a few people who wonder whether a stable two-party democratic parliamentary system will ever become a reality in Japan.

The never-ending factional manoeuvring and quarrelling within Japan's political parties has again led to another crisis—and re-doubled those doubts.

Recently right-wing Socialist Suehiro Nisshio defected from the Socialist Party along with more than 40 followers from his faction to form the Democratic Socialist Party (all Japanese politicians like the word Democratic).

Now the Socialist Party is split into two groups (along factional lines) over the issue of who will be the next Chairman. Incumbent Chairman Mosaburo Suzuki, a left-winger, is supporting the candidacy of the current Secretary-General, Inejiro Asanuma. Jotaro Kawakami, a right-winger, and, more important, the leader of a "faction", has announced that he wishes to be the new chairman.

Another split in the party may occur as a result of the latest factional dispute unless concessions are made by both groups by the time the party convention is held later this month.

The Japanese political system is supposed to be based on the British Parliamentary method. However, in actual practice there is little resemblance to the political system as it is known in Great Britain today.

While there may be dissension within the British Conservative or Labour Party over the matters of principle, principles appear to play little part in Japanese politics.

First loyalties are not to the electorate, Conservatism or Socialism. These are secondary in the minds of those who make up the machine that is supposed to guide Japan closer towards the goal of a stable democracy.

The first loyalties of politicians of all parties are towards the men who head the factions, the "senior" men in the party, the "sponsors" who have been able to aid newcomers at election time.

If Japanese reporters who cover the National Diet are to be believed, the politicians of all parties spend half their time promoting their own "factions" and attacking other factions.

Occasionally they get down to the business of taking care of the matters entrusted to them by the electorate.

It is commonly said in Japan that decent people do not go into politics—and there are complaints heard that the right type of young men needed to take over the government in the future are just not willing to risk their reputation in a disreputable profession.

Recently I talked to a younger member of the Socialist Party, a man of 35 who has travelled abroad extensively. He is a member of the "Kawakami faction."

I asked him whether he could honestly name 20 men in any of the parties who were genuinely interested in promoting the interests of the people as a whole rather than the interests of their "faction" and lenders. He was unable to name one.

At the same meeting, the young Socialist informed me that he intended to leave politics—he declined to say why.

Unfortunately for Japan, it appears that factionalism is part of the Japanese way of life, and only the entry of strong, statesmanlike characters on the political stage will end it.

If this event is delayed too long, the apathy which many Japanese have developed in recent years towards politics is likely to become more pronounced—with disastrous consequences for democracy in this country.

The lack of a strong, stable Opposition, in particular, may open the way to some of the extremists in the governing Liberal Democratic Party to nullify some of the changes brought by the Occupation which have been characterised in the past as "not suited to Japan."

Meanwhile, the small but violent ultra-nationalist groups have been active again.

A dozen steel-helmeted young ultra-nationalists were arrested after a short fight with riot police recently when they parked their truck near a labour union rally point.

Later on, 12 members of the Martyr Youth Corp entered a public hall in Nagoya where Socialist Party Secretary General Inejiro Asanuma was denouncing the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty.

The rightists told Asanuma to "go home to the Soviet Union" and then threw a glass of water into his face. Police later arrested three of the young men.

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It could only happen in Japan.

A twin-engined DC-3 passenger plane owned by the All Nippon Airways, carrying 30 passengers and three crew members, collided with a Japanese fighter plane on the runway of Nagoya airport on March 16.

Two passengers and the stewardess were killed and seven other people seriously injured.

The DC-3 was landing and the fighter plane taxiing for take-off at the time.

It was later revealed that the man in the control tower had given the wrong directions. It was also revealed that he was not too familiar with his work—because he is a trainee.

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The times are changing—and so is the Japanese taste in alcoholic liquor.

Sake, once the most popular drink in Japan, has been ousted by the brew so beloved by Europeans for centuries—beer.

The National Tax Administration reports that tax receipts from beer in 1959 reached a record high and the same brew surpassed in volume all alcoholic drinks consumed in Japan.

During the past 12 months beer taxes totalled Y219,400 million (about £219,400,000). Beer sales in 1959 totalled 766,900 kilolitres, compared with 630,300 kilolitres consumed in the previous year.

Still on the subject of drink, Tokyo's two new drunk tanks were opened for business recently. By closing time at midnight on the first day only one customer had appeared — a troublesome drunk passed for "treatment" by a hospital.

The "tank" attendants blamed rainy weather for the poor business on opening night.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE forecasters of yet another disappointing Budget seem to be agreed that what they call "Consumer demand" must be checked.

In other words people must not be allowed to spend their own money, or what little of it they are graciously permitted to keep, in their own way. On no account must the electors check the consumer demand of the Government, which is entitled to take what it wants to subsidise industry and to meet the consumer demands of the Ministries. If there is any demanding and consuming to be done, it should be done by the elected representatives of the people.

A disgraceful incident

THE entire contingent of walkers from Mrs McGurgle's establishment was disqualified the other day. Led by Mrs McGurgle herself, as the chatelaine of the boarding house, they hired a motor coach and attempted to reach their goal, Swindon, by taking by-roads and thus evading the official observers, time-keepers, overseers, and referees. The coach was abandoned in a lane two miles from Swindon, and the party arrived looking remarkably fresh. Reports from people who had seen the coach-load on its way poured in, and the massed walk was declared not only completely null but absolutely void.

Tikul Yurphansi's bon mot

AN account of a flooded oil-well recalled to me a comment of Tikul Yurphansi, the Croesus of the Khoosh oil-fields. On a similar occasion he said, "Someone has been pouring water on troubled oil."

Retaliatory measures

THE explanation of the action of the spectator who took off his trousers on a football field, before the match started, should satisfy everyone. He was objecting to the removal of a man who had come on to the field with a Union Jack. Had someone stood between the goal-posts with a model of a light-house in his hand, the spectator would probably have worn his shirt outside his overcoat in protest.

—(London Express Service).

New British Consul to Formosa

Taipei, Mar. 23.

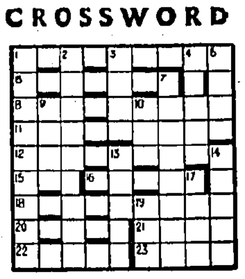
Mr Eric Young, former Commercial Secretary of the British Embassy in Rangoon, "has arrived in Taipei to take up his new post as British Consul in Formosa.

He succeeds Mr Allan Veitch, who is leaving for home and retirement on Friday.

The new consul, like his predecessors, will be accredited to the Provincial Government of Formosa, not to the Central Government.

But under the nationalist policy of making friends with the people of non-Communist countries which recognise Peking, he will have informal access to officials of the Central Government.—AP.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. Caution policy. (9)
6. Fish-workers. (7)
8. Dazes. (9)
11. Stickleback. (9)
12. Going back. (9)
15. Employ. (3)
18. Grain field bird. (9)
20. Story subject. (5)
21. Item. (4)
22. Balkan dwellers. (5)
23. Volcano. (4)

Down
1. Teaches. (9)
2. Sufferer with speech impediment. (9)
3. Dance. (4)
4. Shining. (5)
5. Direction. (4)
7. Hissing. (8)
9. Cords. (4)
10. Marshland. (3)
13. Contests. (6)
14. Miss Garbo. (5)
17. Covering. (4)
19. Regret. (8)

16. Phones. (5)

Yesterday's solution
London Express Service.

TARGET

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HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 18 words, good; 23 words, very good; 30 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: AMI AFFIXTURE affre etui exit fair flat fler fife flier fire fixature fixture frit fruit fruite rait refit rife rift rite tarif taxi terai tier tiff tire

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

He put on righteousness as a breastplate.—Isaiah 59:17.

A righteous character keeps away from dangerous and questionable places and men.

Press-Radio Bible Service, Inc Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

RADIO HONGKONG

(370 m. 809 k.c.)

5.29 p.m., For The Very Young—compiled by Mavis; 5.45, Melodies from England—Sandy Macpherson at the BBC Theatre Organ; 6, Portuguese Half Hour—presented by Luiz Nery; 6.30, The Archers; 6.45, Cool Corner; 7, Hongkong Hit Parade—presented by Ted Thomas; 7.58, Weather; 8, Time Signal, News; 8.10, Commentary; 8.15, The Goon Show—"Queen Anne's Rain"; 8.40, Thursday From —Introduced by Irene Yuen; 9.30, Tribute to Valour—General Jonathan Wainwright; 9.53, Weather; 10, Time Signal, News & Home News from Britain; 10.15, People Talking (Repeat); 10.30, Voices in Harmony —Bill Shepherd Chorus; 10.55, Weather; 11, Time Signal, Radio Newsreel; 11.15, Soft Lights and Sweet Music; 11.30, Close Down.

COMMERCIAL RADIO

(196 m. 1530 k.c.)

2 p.m., Composer Of The Week—Bach (Organ Works); 2.30, Background; 3.15, For The Ladies (presented by Moyra Townsend; 4, Weather; 4.01, Impromptu Session with John Gunstone; 4.30, Children's Corner; 5, Tango Time; 5.15, Take It, Lester; 5.30, Classical Concert—Haydn Flute Concerto; 6, Shock Exchange Closing Rates, Airline Schedules; 6.04, Pat Kirby Sings; 6.15, Benny Goodman Quartet; 6.30, All Strings And Fancy Free; 7, Classical Recital by Zinka Milanov; 7.15, Martini Time; 7.30, Hi Fi Club—presented by Nick Kendall; 8, News, Weather; 8.15, Music In The Air; 8.30, National Half Hour—presented by John Gunstone; 9, Piano Playtime; 9.15, Radio Report—produced by John Wallace; 9.30, La Tonda Continentale With Lydia St Clair; 10, News, Weather; 10.15, "Alias The Baron"; 10.30, Act 3 of "La Boheme" (Antonietta Steele and Gianni Poggi); 11, Radio Newsreel, Weather; 11.15, Once Upon A Turntable—presented by John Wallace; 12 midnight, Weather, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls The Tune; 3, Trumpet Time; 3.30, Keyboard Capers; 3.45, Popular Songs; 4, Tea Time Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocally Yours; 4.45, Lone Star Lanigan; 5, Children's Corner; (5.30, Ten-To-Twenty Club Show; 6, Waltz Time; 6.30, Birthday Meeting; 6.50, The Archers; 7.00, Tropicana; 7, Personality Parade—featuring Mae West; 7.15, Souvenir Songs; 7.30, The Telephone Rings; 7.45, Here Comes O'Malley; 8, Time Signal And The News; 8.09, Weather Forecast, Announcements And Interlude; 8.15, Music by Giancarlo and his Italian Combo; 8.30, My Word; 9, The Lawrence Welk Show; 9.30, Music Time; 10.15 p.m., Dimond Rumyon Theatre; 10.45, Hawaiian Music; 11, Stop Press—A Special Late Night News Report; 11.05, The Gorilla Hunters; 11.30, Late Date—With Ilona Rose; 12 Midnight, "God Save The Queen"; Close Down.

TELEVISION

5 p.m., "MacKenzie's Raiders"; 6.25, A story for the Chinese children; 6.35, Another exciting adventure with "Lassie"; 6, Close down; 7.30, Gene Barry As "Bat Masterson"; 7.55, "Mr And Mrs North"; 8.20, "Down the Alley" First game in the new Invitation Knockout singles competition for the Television Cup. A direct broadcast from the bowling alley at the China Fleet Club; 9, Television Newsreel; 9.25, "The Web," episode 11 "Dead Silence"; 9.40, "Famous Fights"—Archie Moore v Harold Johnson; 9.55, "Harbour Command"; 10.20, "Target"; 10.45, Late Night Final: News headlines, weather report and announcements, close down.

FILMS

KING'S & PRINCESS: "Shake Hands With The Devil," starring James Cagney, Don Murray, Dana Wynter and Glynis Johns.
HOOVER & GALA: (3.30, 5, 7.30 and 10 p.m.): "Home From The Hill" starring Robert Mitchum and Eleanor Parker.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "Sink The Bismarck!" starring Kenneth More and Dana Wynter.
LEO & ASTOR: "This Earth Is Mine," starring Rock Hudson, Jean Simmons and Dorothy McGuire.
STATE & ROYAL: "Suddenly, Last Summer," starring Elizabeth Taylor, Katharine Hepburn and Montgomery Cliff.
RITZ: "Alias Jesse James," starring Bob Hope, and Rhonda Fleming.
ORIENTAL: "Journey To The Centre Of The Earth," starring Pat Boone, James Mason and Arlene Dahl.
MAJESTIC: "The Doctor's Dilemma," starring Leslie Caron and Dirk Bogarde.
CAPITOL: "Tarzan's Greatest Adventure", starring Gordon Scott.
PARAMOUNT: "Never Steal Anything Small," starring James Cagney and Shirley Jones.
STAR: "Tank Force," starring Victor Mature and Leo Genn.
METROPOLE: "Corpses At Large," (Chinese film).

NIGHT SPOTS

PARAMOUNT: "Les Girls Revue," and music by Giancarlo and his Italian combo, Cocktail Lounge, starring Larry Allen.
MAXIM'S: The "Dairyas," the acrobatic comedy dance team.
CARLTON: Nea Conti and His Combo.
GOLDEN PHOENIX: The Duo Ricardos in "Ballet Bolero" and Ken Noyle, International entertainer.
HOTEL MIRAMAR: Sol Faller and His Quartet with Miss Chan Ping.
SUN YAT: Music by Ollie Dittmo and his band, Vocal by Benny.
BLUE HEAVEN: Allen Brothers and June, Comedy Team, and Medlock, Marlowe and Susan, famed impersonators.
HIGHBALL: Allen Brothers and June, Comedy Team, and Medlock, Marlowe and Susan, famed impersonators.
PRINCESS GARDEN: Elmar and Louise and Gina Monica.

MAIL NOTICES

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
By Air
Japan, 3 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 3 p.m.
Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Jamaica (Cristobal C.Z., Venezuela, Netherland Antilles, Cuba, parcels direct), 2 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
By Air
Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 9 a.m.
Vietnam, Pakistan, France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 1 p.m.
Middle East, Africa, Aden, Great Britain & Europe, 1 p.m.
Cambodia, 2 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
Philippines, Dutch New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 4 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
North Borneo, Br. New Guinea, Br. Solomon Island, Noon.
Indonesia, Noon.
Japan, Canada, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 8 a.m.
Vietnam, Laos, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Malaya, Indonesia, 1 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, 2 p.m.
India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 3 p.m.
France, 3 p.m.
Hawaii, 4 p.m.
Territory of Papua, New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 5 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 6 p.m.
Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
India, Egypt, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
New Zealand, Noon.
Kobe (Cristobal C.Z. parcels direct), Noon.
Iraq, Iran (Bahrain & Kuwait parcels direct), Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indonesia, 3 p.m.
Formosa, 3 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, (P. India via Karachi) Aden, Egypt (Cyprus parcels via Port Said) Italy (Switzerland via Genoa), 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 27
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 28
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Vietnam, 2 p.m.
Macao, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

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"A PLACE IN THE SUN"

Gen. Mark Clark wants British sub for college

Charleston, SC, Mar. 23.

U.S. General Mark W. Clark, President of the Citadel, South Carolina's military college, is negotiating with the British Government to obtain a submarine, which will be set up on the campus here.

It is the submarine Seraph, commanded by Lieut Jerryl, RN, in which Gen. Clark and other United States officers made a dramatic secret mission to North Africa in World War II to make contact with friendly French officials.

Gen. Clark said he had spoken to Lord Louis Mountbatten, British defence chief, during his recent visit here and had been advised the sub will be in service another year.

The subject came up again last week when Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, spoke to the Citadel's Cadet Corps.

Gen. Lemnitzer, who also was aboard the sub on the trip to North Africa, referred to an incident when Gen. Clark lost his pants during the secret mission and was accused of stealing Gen. Lemnitzer's pants — a report which Gen. Clark denies.

Gen. Clark said that when the submarine finally reaches the campus a reunion will be held of all those who had been with him aboard and "perhaps we'll really find out who had whose pants."—AP.

Three cities evacuated

Rio De Janeiro, Mar. 23.

Three cities in the Brazilian state of Ceara have been evacuated, and more are being prepared for evacuation, following engineers' warnings that the 20-ft high Oros dam in the area might crack under the pressure of water behind it after a week of rain.

"A breach of the dam would threaten the homes of between 700,000 and 800,000 people."—Reuter.

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Record painting price

London, Mar. 23.

A Gainsborough portrait was sold for £130,000—the highest price ever paid for an English painting—at Sotheby's auction gallery today.

The painting, "Mr and Mrs Robert Andrews in a Park," was bought by the London art dealer, Agnew's. It was not known for whom the purchase was made.

Today's winning £130,000 bid beat the previous record prices for English paintings bought at both private and public sales.

The late Lord Duveen sold privately Gainsborough's "Blue Boy" for £104,000 in the 1920s.

An auction gallery received £66,000 for Lawrence's "Pinkie" before the war.

The portrait sold today is considered by some art critics to be the first English painting in existence. It shows the two people against a landscape background with the wife sitting on a bench beneath a tree and her husband standing beside her holding a sports gun.

Today's big sale of old masters raised £218,370 in 70 minutes.—UPI and China Mail Special.

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Family planning a positive Christian duty

London, Mar. 24.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, wrote in the latest edition of Diocesan Notes which appeared today that family planning is a "positive Christian duty."

Referring to the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church on the subject, the Archbishop said, "Roman Catholic pronouncements very rarely recognise that family planning may be, and in fact is, a positive Christian duty."

"Recently, however, a Roman Catholic bishop was reported in The Times as saying that the Church of Rome "did not demand that parents should have the largest family possible and that there were circumstances when it was right and proper that the size of the family should be restricted," Dr Fisher added.

Two forms

He said that the Catholic Church allowed its members only two forms of restraint—abstinence and "the safe period."

"But there are other methods," Dr Fisher continued, "and Christians have every right to consider them and decide how far in their judgment it is legitimate and seemly to employ them."

The questions which Christians have to consider about these other methods is whether they can be used with due reverence and without being injurious to health, the Archbishop added.

Dr Fisher said, "A church should seek to give advice on both these questions, but it is wise to leave the decision as to what methods are seemly to the conscientious judgment of Christian married people."—AFP.

Marquess of Blandford sues for divorce

London, Mar. 23.

The Marquess of Blandford, 33-year-old heir of the Duke of Marlborough, filed a divorce suit today charging his wife with adultery.

Lord Blandford, one-time escort of Princess Margaret, married heiress Susan Hornby

Marquess of Blandford

in the wedding of the year in 1951.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended the ceremony at which Billy Wallace was best man.

Lord Blandford named socialite Alan Beber-Percy as co-respondent. The Blandfords have two children—a boy of four and a daughter of 17 months.—UPI.

LIBERACE —A REAL SABLE COLLAR

London, Mar. 23.

Nearly 100 excited fans mobbed Liberace, the American pianist when he arrived here wearing a silk sharkskin suit and black overcoat with a blue sable collar.

As he stepped from an aircraft, Liberace who is to appear at the London Palladium and in the provinces, said "Fur is all the rage back home but most of the people wear imitation.

"I like the real thing — I can afford it."

Fans, clustering around the singer as he entered his huge Cadillac shipped to London a few days ago, held up traffic.

Just happy

Getting into the car he said: I'm just happy to be here. In fact I think this is going to be the most exciting engagement of my career. I shall be here for 20 weeks.

"My shows will be very extravagant, with dancers, singers and other artistes.—China Mail Special.

Commons sit for 12 hours

London, Mar. 23.

The House of Commons rose this morning after a sitting lasting 12 hours 20 minutes.

For nearly 11 hours members had been considering amendments on the committee stage of the Iron and Steel (Financial Provisions) Bill which is to provide £120 million in loans to steel firms.

The House spent a further half hour discussing the selection of candidates for the British Foreign Service.—China Mail Special.

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This week, with two new shows on the way, and 25 years after 'French Without Tears' . . . a fascinating self-analysis

The way I work

by

Terence Rattigan

—TALKING TO JOHN CRUESEMANN

WRITING is a very lonely business; and if you are writing intensely it can become rather frightening.

I want somehow to be kept company, not distracted. So that is why I have a record player on when I am working, usually Puccini I am afraid. It's emotional and wildly theatrical. But I don't hear it.

I write in longhand in a loose notebook, usually immured in the country without distractions, for I am by nature lazy.

My dread

I like writing in the English countryside, in fact, I could not imagine working anywhere else. I think I would lose touch and like every writer deep down, I dread drying up not in ideas, but in the ability to make words live.

Why is it, I wonder, that a "well-made play" is now a term almost of abuse? Why do some people think an ill-made play is synonymous with sincerity? Just because a play is constructed, built, and shaped it doesn't mean that it is written without passion or even pain.

When writing I get completely carried away. I laugh and cry perhaps immoderately at my own lines. I remember once when I was writing "The Browning Version" my man came in and asked me rather oddly if anything was the matter. Apparently I was not even conscious that tears were streaming down my face.

In play-writing you compose a character and into him you put most of yourself.

A novelist at work is different. He can make asides, do tricks with time, watch and wonder. He can play God to his own characters.

Maybe as playwrights we are apt to take ourselves too seriously when, in fact, we are simply providers of words for actors to speak.

Yet I hate fake humility. I thought "French Without Tears" the funniest play I'd read once I had written it. I am still proud that it was this play which established Rex Harrison as a star 24 years ago, just as "The Deep Blue Sea" made Kenneth More into a star eight years ago.

In fact, I am unclear as to what I really am. But one gift I know I've got—the ability to reproduce out of my head what somebody, man or woman, would say in a given situation.

My gift

Another gift that possibly I can claim is that I can sense how no syllable should be wasted that does not forward the action or reveal character.

I am not attached to the Play of Ideas; it is the people in the play who can have ideas. It is not the part of a playwright to my mind to prescribe what audiences should think or feel.

The ultra-kitchen school seems to reject that part of life outside the kitchen which to some of us is still the most worth-while writing about. After all, Hamlet didn't do his own washing up.

John Osborne is in the true tradition of the theatre but his trouble seems to be that while his plays are about people and not about things, he appears to think they are about things and not about people. And he has been persuaded by his critics that his plays have been devastating attacks on the Establishment.

In future, he will have to find a destructive ideology to satisfy his critics or lose himself in anger which leads nowhere.

Watch out—it's a grave danger for a playwright to have to say something. Look how gloriously Brendan Behan can write just because he makes his characters live and do their own talking. That is real Theatre.

My newest

Comedy is harder to write than serious drama. If the audience doesn't laugh the play is finished. Comedy should be fairly heartless. In fact, the heart should hardly come into it at all.

"While The Sun Shines" I wrote in 10 days. It ran three years. Now it is more difficult, and I find comedy harder perhaps because I am older, but I am going to try.

I like to ring the changes in mood in writing. I followed "The Deep Blue Sea" with "The Sleeping Prince," and now I have enjoyed the juxtaposition of adapting my first comedy, "French Without Tears" as a musical, and writing "Ross" about Lawrence of Arabia.

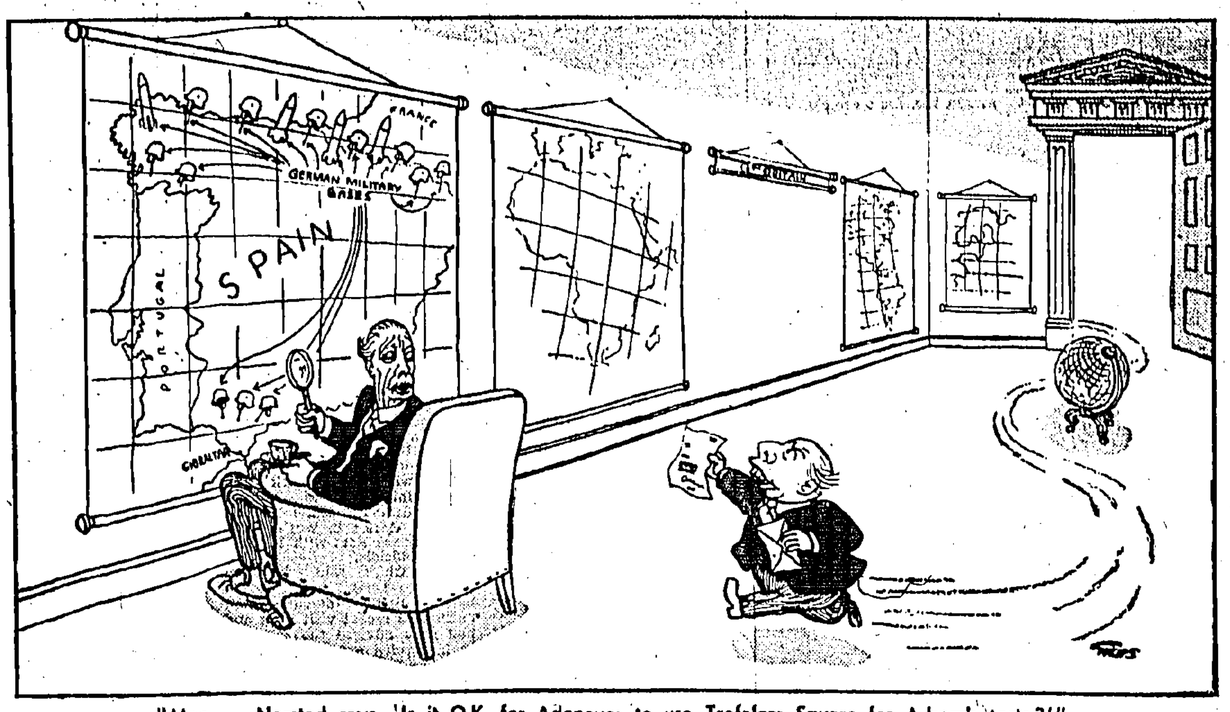
"Ross" is a tremendous challenge. It is a dramatic portrait, the first play of this kind I have tried. It has been a strange experience, sometimes almost driving me round the bend.

It has taken me around five years—quite a contrast with "While The Sun Shines."

But that doesn't mean "Ross" is that much better as a work, merely more arduous.

Most people have a preconceived opinion about Lawrence. In a case like this you can only write convincingly about such a person if, after absorbing everything written and spoken about him, you can make the man live for yourself. Then your problem is to communicate that life to the audience. I hope I shall succeed, but I know I shall arouse a lot of controversy.

—(London Express Service).



"Mac . . . Norstad says, 'Is it O.K. for Adenauer to use Trafalgar Square for A-bomb tests?'"

London Express Service

CANADA RACES FOR 'NATURAL' A-REACTOR

Toronto.

CANADA is in a race with Britain and Russia to produce an atomic reactor using natural uranium instead of the much more expensive enriched uranium.

"If we win the race, and I think we are going to, then Canada will have won a tremendous market," said Robert Macaulay, Minister of Energy Resources in the Ontario government.

Most nations have enough natural uranium to run such reactors.

"The United States is sticking to reactors using the enriched uranium because it is the only country possessing large stocks.

"If Canada can corner the world market for natural uranium reactors, most countries would switch to this method, if only to by-pass the U.S. monopoly."

—(London Express Service).

THE NEW ELITE . . . CHAPTER THREE

YOUNG MAN, HAS CHARM, WILL TRAVEL

(UPWARDS, OF COURSE!)

by DONALD EDGAR

LOOKING at him you would say he is a lightweight. When he walked the aisle recently with Lady Pamela he looked a lightweight.

Very good - looking with smooth features. A smile that seemed to express a placid pleasure rather than a sense of happiness. He moves easily and looks somewhat younger than his 30 years.

A lightweight?

A deceptive front.

Toughness

For David Hicks has shown a toughness, a subtlety, a skill in social relationships and an ability to seize the main chance which have brought him financial success as an interior decorator and, as a bride, Lady Pamela, daughter of Lord Mountbatten, relative of the Queen and Prince Philip.

He is not unique. Rather he is a very successful example of a type that has moved elegantly into Belgravia and Chelsea in the last 10 years.

They are generally not very rich. But they have excellent connections, which they develop with an assiduity that Proust would have admired—almost envied.

They dine with the rich and the powerful because they are amusing . . . and the rich and the powerful are always in search of the amusing.

In return they may not offer more than a cocktail. But the girls will be pretty and the atmosphere interesting.

Sixty years ago or more it was necessary to have the consummate conversational skill of an Oscar Wilde to be entertained by those who led society.

Society was still immensely contained. But now the barriers are down. The aristocracy is interested in any scheme which might increase the number of people visiting their stately homes . . . and get quite a thrill out of doing the Duke of Bedford down.

Background

The aristocracy works in the city, in shops, in cafes and is often delighted to get a footing in Fleet Street.

More—the rich are often so dull that anyone with talent is a welcome guest.

This is the background of David Hicks, the background in which he and many others like him have flourished.

Hicks didn't like his school, Charterhouse. He didn't like the army although he was given the cushy job of teaching art.

But, as happens often with the odd man out, he was developing an inner strength. A feeling that he was going to show those toughies who took the mickey out of him at school and in the army, that he was going to do rather better than them.

His background is fairly well-known now. He is the son of a stockbroker who died leaving his widow in comfortable circumstances.

He was brought up in East Anglia and early developed an interest and some talent in art.

After the army he went to art school and for a time played with the idea of becoming an artist.

But as his mother has said, "David realised that if you paint pictures the money doesn't come in until you are dead. And David was interested in money."

So David and his mother settled in Belgravia and he went into the world of interior decorating and furnishing.

It is a curious world, a world of beautiful things, of gay whimsical colour combinations, of rich materials, of subtle lighting.

And he had just the right sort of personality to get on well with the rich women who are able to indulge in such things.

These fashionable interior decorators occupy a curious place in the lives of these women. Because they are talented and have ideas, to a certain extent they fulfil a side of the women's lives.

They are part of their lives, just as their dress designers are.

And out of this artistic intimacy springs the social life. The parties. The dinners. The invitations for the weekend.

Hicks began to move around. And the soft voice was heard expressing quite outrageous artistic ideas in a diffident manner.

Extended

His mother remained the central figure of his life, providing a background and the capital on which he started. His friends were mainly drawn at first from his professional world.

He studied hard and won a name for getting things done on time, whether it was a question of designs or hurrying up workmen.

The shop behind Lowndes Square was extended.

DAVID HICKS AND LADY PAMELA MOUNTBATTEN

So far as I can make out the attraction of David Hicks to Lady Pamela was a considerable surprise to his world.

But they have looked as happy a pair as any newlyweds.

The only shadow that has fallen across their happiness was the news of the death of Lady Mountbatten on their return from the honeymoon.

The last time they had seen her she was wishing them Godspeed from the Hall of Broadlands.

And Hicks, undaunted by all the aura of royalty and power, is still thinking in terms of his interior decorating.

He has great ideas of improving the standards of taste in all homes.

There is something of the William Morris in him. He wants to bring new standards of beauty to homes and believes that it will be possible now to do it on a mass scale.

Ability

Jack Gibson, a very forward-looking man, is negotiating to employ Hicks as a consultant in a great store in Ilford.

I think Hicks would always have been successful. In his own indirect way he has great strength of character. He has ability. And charm.

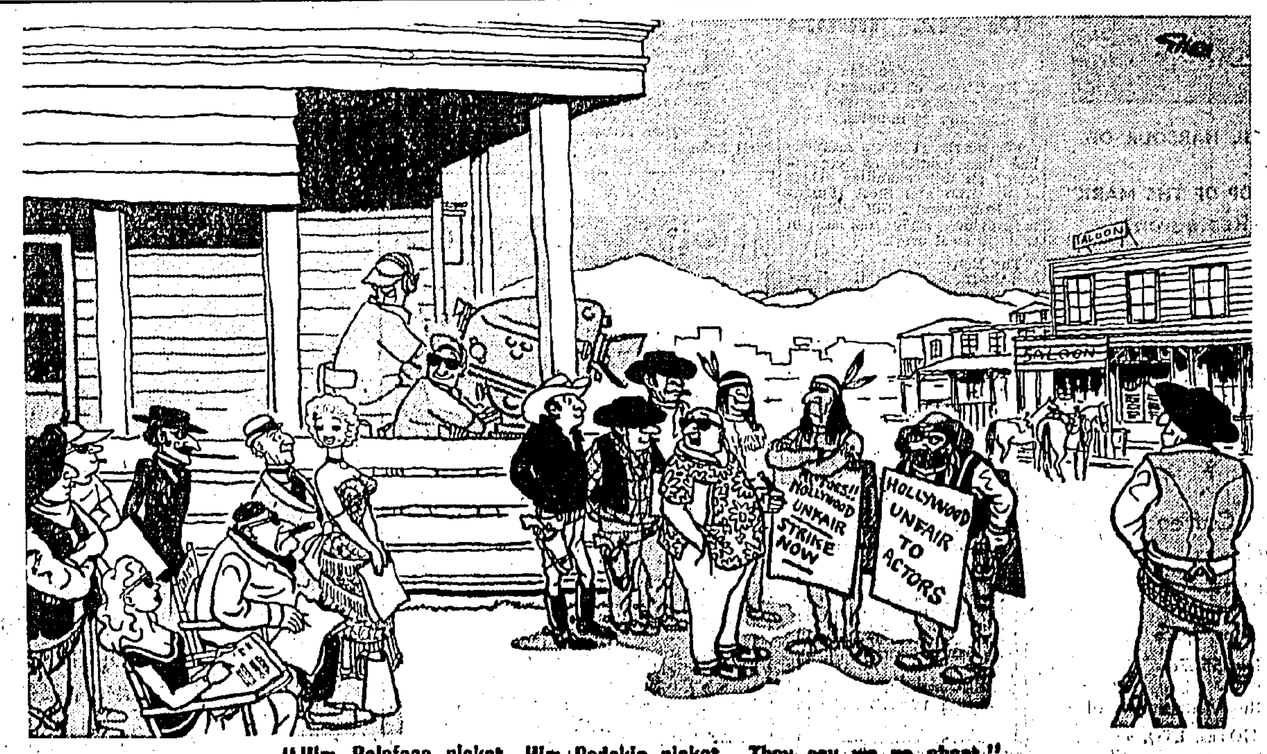
The fact that he has been accepted as husband of Lady Pamela Mountbatten is more a result of this age—of post-war London.

Probably in the past he would never have had a chance of meeting her.

But he did and has proved more acceptable to Lady Pamela than all the young grandees and guardees with all their conventional backgrounds and tastes.

Hicks has proved that for him and those of this world there is plenty of room at the top.

—(London Express Service).



"Him Paloface picket—Him Redskin picket. They say we no shoot."

London Express Service.

Radiation fears grow as TV screens spread out

THE Radiological Protection Service — backed by the Ministry of Health and the Medical Research Council — is keeping a close watch on the development of bigger, more powerful TV sets. The reason? They are a potential source of X-rays, which might harm viewers unless they are properly protected.

Research into the problem is going on at the service's headquarters, Belmont, Surrey. There I was told. "As TV tube sizes get bigger, and voltages go up, X-ray protection will become more and more important."

At present, the X-rays beamed out by a TV set are stopped by the thickness of the glass cathode ray tube. But with higher voltages, as are likely, for example, in colour television, extra safeguards will be needed.

These may take the form of still thicker glass, or an additional protective screen, with lead sprayed around the inside of the cabinet.

Watches, too

Although such radiation doses would be small, genetically they are significant because of the vast numbers of viewers.

As Mr E. E. Smith, deputy director of the Service, put it: "Low doses over a large population are equal to high doses to a few people, in their genetic effect."

Luminous wrist-watches and clocks are under constant scrutiny too. It is estimated that they add only one per cent to the "natural background" of radiation, to which everyone in Britain is exposed.

But Mr Smith says: "People who do not need luminous articles are just as well off without them."

The new fluorescent poster paints have been tested at Belmont. So has a pair of girl's socks—bright green—sent in by an anxious mother. Back went the happy report: "No radio-activity whatsoever."

Total dose

But the bulk of the work of the RPS consists of controlling radiation hazards in hospitals and industries where X-rays or radio-active substances are used.

Some 200,000 film badges—which turn shades of black if radiation strikes them—are now handled each year. A complete history of the total dose received by a person over the years is kept on punched cards. Each film test costs three shillings. Anything unusual revealed by it, is followed up and protection measures advised.

Any person suspected of having radio-activity inside him is given a further check in a special Low Background Laboratory—a lead-lined chamber hollowed out in North Downs chalk. Chalk was chosen because it contains little natural radio-activity.

"We rarely find an excessive dose of radiation," said Mr Smith, "and we have never found an alarming amount of radio-activity inside a single person. We have found maximum permissible levels sometimes—but these are safe."

An international commission recommended these levels. How safe are they? Well, it says that a man can stand 25 roentgens of radiation in a single exposure in an accident. The weekly permissible level laid down by the RPS—for continuous exposure—is 250 times lower.

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LATEST scientific aid to gardeners—a complete ready-made flower bed. It arrives neatly rolled, through the post. Just sprinkle it with water and a little top-soil, the makers claim, and a mass of gorgeous bloom will spring up.

'Eye' for value

The prowess of a diamond expert is being challenged — by a machine. One has been built now which projects a picture of the diamond on to a screen so that a customer can see the flaws.

The projector magnifies a one-carat stone 4,000 times.

The screen is divided into 4,000 squares By counting the number of squares darkened by flaws, the value of the diamond can be assessed.

—(London Express Service).

The World of Science
By Peter Fairley

WOMANSENSE

Hartnell designs Margaret's gown

Norman Hartnell has been commanded to make the dresses for Princess Margaret and her bridesmaids for her marriage to Antony Armstrong-Jones on Friday, May 6

And below, an analysis of how he tackles the task that faces him

by **Robb**

who has known and worked closely with Norman Hartnell for 20 years.

SUPPOSE you are Norman Hartnell. Suppose you have been commanded to design and make the dress that the whole world will be waiting to see.

The dress that will once again call on all the brilliance, technical ability, and experience with which you created the superbly beautiful wedding dress for the Queen and the historical grandeur of the Coronation dress.

You will remember the first royal wedding-dress you made. It was in 1935 for the Duchess of Gloucester, at which wedding Princess Margaret was a bridesmaid.

You also made the dress for the little Princess. That was the the first dress you had ever made for her.

Accord

For this wedding, as for that of the Queen, you must begin in complete accord and with a full picture of the entire setting.

The Princess is young but sophisticated. Therefore the dress cannot be too flamboyant, but again it must not be unimportant.

She is fashion-conscious, but remember she is petite, yet strikingly lovely. Therefore the design of the dress must not detract from the beauty of her features.

She will be surrounded by important and colourful officialdom. She must stand out.

Nevertheless, Norman, you are a master of surprises, as in 1938, when you staggered the Parisians who expected the then Queen (now the Queen Mother) to arrive in deep black.

You dressed her in a dazzling, all-white array of dresses. You were decorated for that by the French Government for services to international fashion.

Remember the all-white retinue designed for the Queen, when she married. The thousands of pearls scattered in satin and tulle.

Nervous

You will remember how nervous you were at the Coronation when seated in the Queen's box. You saw the clamour of colour of the foreign royalties from all corners of the world, encrusted in enormous rubies, sapphires, and emeralds.

Against this blaze of colour the Queen arrived cool and serene but scintillating in diamonds and pearls. Again you were right.

You will remember that you were called upon to redesign the peeresses robes of ruby velvet and ermine, which had remained unchanged since Queen Anne (literally) designed them.

So you see, you are a rather important person, and you have the experience, which is the most important factor, to handle such an assignment as this.

Modest

So now with all the facts, you will retire to your Georgian house in Windsor Forest and put down in pencil and colour your preliminary structural sketches on which you will build your romantic theme.

Then you will hurry back to London to consult with your staff of cutters, stock-keepers, fitters and embroideresses. It is their job to place before you the materials and specimen embroidery.

Then will come the appointments at Clarence House. You will arrive, pale as the flunkeys who conduct you through to the Princess's apartments.

This is the moment. Your sketches are about to be presented for royal approval. Are you nervous.

Knowing you as I do, Norman Hartnell, you need not be. You are too modest.

—(London Express Service).

FASHION and beauty PAGE by Jill Butterfield

THE BEST BEAUTY TONIC OF ALL: A BATH

PHOTOGRAPH BY NORMAN EALES

TO a child it's a sea to sail boats in. To a man it's privacy to sing songs in, To the no-nonsense brigade it's just somewhere to wash.

But to me a bath is the place where you let your hair down as figuratively as you put it up literally. To me it's the best spoil-yourself treatment of all.

What does your bath mean to you?

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Statistics prove not very much—for the population of Britain bathes on an average only once a week, and that's not often enough. For soap and water and the right frame of mind are the best beauty ideas of all. They make most do-it-yourself treatments work twice as quickly, three times as well—and what's more, they make you enjoy them too.

TRY applying your skin food or night cream before you get into the bath, and leaving it on until you get out. The skin will absorb as much during 10 minutes in the steam as it would during 10 hours in bed. (Good new night cream—Atkinson's Skinfare).

TRY scrubbing yourself with towelling mitten filled with a soapy paste which lathers richly even in hard water. (Elizabeth Arden's Velva bath mit.) It is particularly good for the top of the arms, the neck. If elbow and knee skin is hard and scaly, there's still nothing to beat the old-fashioned pumice-stone.

TRY, for sheer morale boosting; the film-star fun of a bubble bath. A new sachet of green, pine-scented liquid gives you a whole bath of bubbles. (By Gahns). Try too a new bath gelee which froths in the water and you won't need any soap. (Badedas foam bath.)

☆ ☆ ☆

TRY a waist - whittling exercise. Simply press the soles of your feet against the end of the bath and suspend yourself in the water. Keeping legs stretched out and feet steady, swing your hips from side to side in the bath, touching each side of the bath each time.

TRY taking a mirror and your eyebrow tweezers to the bath. Somehow it hurts far less if you pluck them when the skin is relaxed in the steam.

Your beauty business doesn't have to end when you leave the water.

☆ ☆ ☆

TRY a pale pink after-bath lotion which acts as a mild deodorant as well as firming the skin. (Rose Laird). Or for a bottle as pretty as its contents are fresh, Yardley's sea-blue-tinted English Lavender after-bath freshener.

TRY a new way with talcum powder. It's packed into a little nylon covered mitten and you just pat the mitten where you want the powder. (By Mary Chess).

PRIMITIVE MAN may once have lived in the sea, Sir Alister Hardy, Professor of Zoology at Oxford University, suggests.

Civilised woman might do the same this summer.

For these are the first two-piece swim suits designed for actually **swimming**—and they make last year's boned, frilly, miniscule jobs look as dated as Edwardian bathing drawers.

Ever tried battling with the waves in a mass of gingham frills? The result is a mass of gingham frills.

Ever tried swimming in something boned like a tiny strapless brassiere? The result, while you do the crawl, it does the backstroke.

But the new bikinis have little frilling, no boning. They depend, very wisely, on one or two shoulder straps for support.

Both bikinis shown here are imported from France by Jaeger. Both have matching beach dresses.

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Department of wishful thinking

ACTUAL SIZE

IT weighs 34 carats. It is an inch long. It is a true pink diamond. Its value was estimated at over £60,000. It sold for £46,000. Just supposing you had that kind of money just what would you DO with a stone of that size?

MARGARET LEIGHTON told me: "I would wear it on a fine gold chain around my neck. The setting should be invisible so as not to detract from the stone."

LADY LEWISHAM said: "I would have it made into a sunflower shaped brooch. I would have white diamond petals surrounding it."

American actress JAN STERLING thinks: "I would have it mounted very plainly as a pin and wear it in a turban or stuck in a scarf."

I pass these ideas on to any woman lucky enough to be married to a man with £46,000 spare pocket money.

—(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE Stayman two-club convention is one of the finest in bridge and is used by every expert in America.

Basically, you respond with two clubs to your partner's opening no-trump, whereupon he will show a four-card major suit if he holds one.

Like any good thing the Stayman convention can be abused and there is no point in using it when you don't have to.

North has 11 high card points and after his partner opens with one no-trump North surely intends to get to game. He can simply raise to three no-trump or he can use the Stayman two-club to see if his partner holds four hearts.

NORTH 6	
♠ A K 2	
♥ 10 9 5 4	
♦ J 10 6 3	
♣ K 10	
WEST	**EAST**
♠ J 5	♠ 10 8 7 4 3
♥ Q J 7 2	♥ 6
♦ K 9 4	♦ 8 5 2
♣ 8 7 4 3	♣ A J 6 5
SOUTH (D)	
♠ Q 9 6	
♥ A K 8 3	
♦ A Q 7	
♣ Q 9 2	

No one vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1 N.T.	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♥ 2

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:

♠ A 2 ♥ A K 10 5 4 ♦ A Q 6 5 ♣ 3 2

What do you do?

A—Bid four no-trump. Usually the Blackwood bid should be avoided when you hold a worthless doubleton but this time you should be willing to gamble that your partner will hold the king of clubs if he does not hold the ace.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids five diamonds to show one ace. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

Needless to say, Sam's decision was correct. With the heart opening South managed to make five no-trump, but four no-trump was there against any lead.

Four hearts could be made also, but those declarers who bid it went down.

LADY LUCK your CHINA MAIL horoscope

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

AQUARIUS (9) (January 21-February 19): As you get older you find it increasingly difficult to make new, lasting friends. Look round you and you may find that some of your present acquaintances could become close friends if you met them halfway.

PISCES (12) (February 20-March 20): Your commercial interests will be greatly furthered if you put your personal activities aside for a while and devote all your time to looking after your business.

ARIES (5) (March 21-April 19): Find a happy medium between hoarding every penny of your income and squandering it indiscriminately. A fat bank account is all very well, but you owe it to yourself and your family not to go without the necessities of life and even some small luxuries.

TAURUS (4) (April 20-May 20): If you have an opportunity to bring yourself to the attention of a person who is in a position to help you in your career, overcome your diffidence and do so.

GEMINI (3) (May 21-June 21): If you are a music lover, don't force others to share your enjoyment. Different people have different tastes, not necessarily inferior to yours.

CANCER (7) (June 22-July 21): Don't invade the privacy of a person who obviously does not share your pleasure in lengthy discussions.

LEO (6) (July 22-August 21): If you are in danger of falling in love with a person who represents a symbol of your desires or reminds you of somebody else, be careful before the attachment becomes serious, as you may both regret it later.

VIRGO (10) (August 22-September 22): Having appointed a reliable person to look after your interests, you should not tie him to your apron strings, but let him use his own initiative and do things his own way.

LIBRA (11) (September 23-October 22): In order to reach the goal you have set yourself, you must learn to compromise once in a while; no one can expect everything to go entirely his own way.

SCORPIO (8) (October 23-November 21): If you feel you owe loyalty to a colleague, don't let him down by appearing to be critical of him in the presence of a superior.

SAGITTARIUS (2) (November 22-December 21): Risk is involved in giving financial advice to somebody else. Unless you are positive of the outcome, you had better refrain from explicit recommendations.

CAPRICORN (1) (December 22-January 20): An unexpected invitation from some friends whose devotion you were beginning to doubt will convince you of their constancy.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for today.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Noise In O'Cheer Hall

—It Sounds Like Music To O'Scowl's Ears—

By MAX TRELL

FOR a minute or two neither Knarf nor Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, could tell whether the sounds they were hearing were music or the noise made by plates and pots and pans all being jangled together.

They stood at the door leading down to O'Cheer Hall in the old oak where the Pixies lived, and listened. They just stood there listening and wondering.

Rang the bell

Then they rang the bell. But no one heard them above the noise. Around on the other side of the old oak was a small window about the size of a postage stamp or perhaps just a bit larger.

Hanid wiped the dust off the window. She put one eye to it (it was too small for two eyes) and looked down.

"Well, what do you see?" Knarf asked her.

"Nothing," said Hanid.

"Nothing! But who's making all that noise?" asked Knarf.

Sees O'Scowl

"I don't know. I don't see anybody down there at all. Oh —yes, I do see somebody!" Hanid exclaimed all at once. "Pixie O'Scowl is sitting in a chair by the fire smoking his pipe!"

Hanid moved aside and Knarf put his eye to the tiny window.

"That's right," he said the next second. "I can see him, too. He's sitting there smoking his pipe and smiling! . . . O'Scowl! Hey there, O'Scowl!"

Knarf had shouted down through the window, which he had pushed open with his finger.

Meanwhile Hanid went to the doorway and called down the stairs.

"O'Scowl! Pixie O'Scowl!" she called.

Pixie O'Scowl must have heard them, because a few minutes later he came up the stairs and stood in the doorway. He was still smiling.

"Good morning, my dears," he said to Knarf and Hanid. "I'm very glad to see you."

This was very unusual for Pixie O'Scowl. Most of the time he never cared to see anybody.

Knarf and Hanid returned his greeting.

Then Hanid asked: "What is all that noise about, Pixie O'Scowl?"

She had to shout.

"Noise?" asked Pixie O'Scowl, looking surprised. "I don't hear any noise."

"Of course you, do!" cried Hanid.

"Listen to it!" yelled Knarf.

"Sorry," said Pixie O'Scowl. "You must be hearing things. Well, I've got to be getting downstairs again."

It's music

He started to turn and go. But Hanid reached out and grabbed him between her thumb and forefinger.

"Oh no you don't!" she said sternly. "You're going to stay right here until you tell us what all that noise is downstairs."

"Ouch! Don't squeeze! It isn't noise. It's music! I'll tell you all about it! Leggo!" begged Pixie O'Scowl.

But Hanid held on to Pixie O'Scowl, who wasn't smiling any more, and now he told about the noise.

"It's the folks who've been sleeping all winter in the cellar," he said. "They want to come out."

"What folks?" asked Knarf.

Want to come out

"The Bees, the Crickets, the Grasshoppers, the Flies, the Toads, the Frogs — a whole crowd of them!

"They think it's warm enough to come out. They think the winter is over!" said Pixie O'Scowl. "They're banging and yelling. They want me to open the door. But I won't. 'It's too cold. I mean it's warm today but tomorrow it may be freezing again. I'm not going to let them out!'"

After they thought it over Knarf and Hanid decided that Pixie O'Scowl, for all his rudeness and bad manners, was right not to let the winter-guests out until the winter really was over.

"But Pixie O'Scowl," said Hanid as she let him go, "why were you smiling when you heard all that noise?"

"Noise? That isn't noise. That's spring-music," said Pixie O'Scowl. "I like it. Don't you?"

And he went downstairs, smiling.

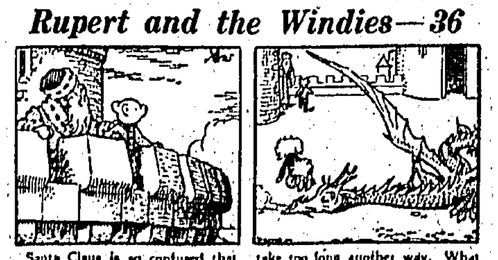
Pixie O'Scowl, who never smiled, was actually smiling!

. . . AND TREND SPOTTING IN ENGLAND

● **COMING IN AGAIN . . .** the big gipsy earrings which Nina Ricci showed at the Paris fashion shows with everything from tweed suits to evening dress . . . black patent for back-buckling belts, shoes, satchel-sized handbags . . . loose-legged lounging pyjamas beloved in the thirties . . . Scottish pebbles for silver set jewellery . . . parasols (newest in gingham) . . . chignons.

● **GOING OUT** . . . coloured tights (the knee sock's newer) . . . the little black dress (a white one's newer) . . . mohair, medallions, mink.

Rupert and the Windies—36



Santa Claus is so confused that Rupert has to tell his strange story twice before he understands what has happened. "And Golly says you must find another way down to avoid that rocket!" says Rupert. "But this is dreadful," says the old gentleman. "It would take too long another way. What would your Nutwood pals say if Christmas didn't arrive until February?" Just then another object appears in the sky. It draws near to the castle and a few moments later something lands with a bump on the terrace.

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Surprises in last night's rugby

FINAL TEST MATCH WILL HOLD THREE MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST

Port of Spain, Mar. 23.

Cricket fans here are attaching threefold importance to the final Test match which opens here between the West Indies and England on Friday.

The first is whether the West Indies can win and square the series thus retaining an unbeaten rubber at home.

Second is the reappearance of Frank Worrell and Clyde Walcott in a Test team here for the first time since the MCC tour of 1954, and third is the performance of candidates for selection for the West Indies tour of Australia.

Third fast bowler

The selectors, by giving way to critics, have included a third fast bowler, Charles Griffith, in the team at the expense of local left-arm spin bowler Charran Singh and have retained veteran Walcott despite his failure in the fourth Test, and omitted Seymour Nurse.

Thus the team will be much the same as that which failed to clinch the Bourda Test after dismissing England for a modest 295 in the first innings.

The selectors are hoping the lively Queen's Park Oval pitch and the heavy atmosphere will favour the three-man pace assault and that if England, weakened by the absence of Peter May and Brian Statham are caught on a wearing pitch, Sonny Ramadhin's spins and the left-hand bowling of Garfield Sobers and Worrell could bring the result in their favour.

Morale-lifting knocks by Jim Parks, brought into the side when May had to abandon the team because of illness, and centuries by Ken Barrington and Ray Illingworth at Berbice a few days ago have put the England camp in good humour for the last Test.

A tremendous ovation awaits Worrell, always a favourite here, when he walks out with the West Indies team. Most of these cheers will be over his appointment as captain of the team to tour Australia.

Last appearance

Worrell and Walcott were in the West Indies team on this ground in the MCC tour of 1954 when, with Everton Weekes, they all made three-figure scores in the same innings.

It will most likely be Walcott's last appearance in a Test here.

Walcott declared his intention to quit international cricket at the end of the final Test against Pakistan here in 1958.

His selection at the expense of the youth Nurse has caused a good deal of resentment. — AP.

U.S. BASKETBALL

Minneapolis take lead in Western playoff finals

St Louis, Mar. 23.

History repeated itself on Tuesday night as the Minneapolis Lakers defeated the St Louis Hawks, 117-110 after extra-time, in the crucial fifth game of the Western Division basketball playoff finals.

Minneapolis now has a strong grip on the National Basketball Association Western playoff title with a 3-2 lead and the sixth game coming up on Thursday night in Minneapolis.

A year ago, the underdog Lakers took an overtime victory in the fifth game of the Western final and went on to wrap up the title the next day in Minneapolis.—AP.

UK soccer results

London, Mar. 23.

Results of tonight's football matches in Britain were:

INTER-LEAGUE

English League 1, Scottish League 0.

(Played at Highbury, London).

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division IV

Hartlepools 0, Watford 0.

FRIENDLY MATCH

Portsmouth 3, Rapallo (Italy) 0.—Reuter.

CLUB TEAMS AND 32ND MEDIUM 'A' OUT IN FIRST ROUND OF BLARNEY STONE COMPETITION

ROYAL AIR FORCE AWARDED THE '31' TROPHY

By PAK LO

Surprises galore featured the opening games of the Blarney Stone seven-a-side rugby tournament at the Club ground last night.

Club were left without a single team in the second round. RAF Kai Tak, presumed to be one of the weaker sides scored the most points of the evening, and looked like the team that will win the Blarney Stone Shield this year.

Another seed, 32nd Medium "A", was eliminated by the Old Crocks, and in one of the funniest games ever seen, Wayfoong were made to struggle hard against the keen hard-trying Canadians from HMCS Sagueany before winning 13-0.

The Canadians took the field with the minimum of knowledge not only of Sevens but of Rugby in general, but proved to be easily the most popular team of the night. Though they may only have played American football before, they picked up the idea fairly well, and their fitness and keeness had Wayfoong sinking in their shoes.

Yet another surprise in store for rugby enthusiasts last night was the award of the "31" Trophy by the Referees Society to the RAF. This trophy is presented annually to the team that displays the "true spirit of the game" throughout the season. Points are awarded for this as well as for turnouts etc. The Airmen, who were this season's Wooden Spoonists, had a percentage of 80.12 points.

Saturday's final

Second was 48 Brigade with 79.66, and close behind them were their compatriots, Garrison, with 78.16. These three were followed by Club with 78.43 and Police with 78.33. Close on their heels were 32nd Medium and the Whitfield Wanderers. The Sappers took bottom place with 53.60.

The RAF could, if they win the Sevens, thus take two trophies with which to grace their mess this year.

Incidentally, the game scheduled on Saturday between the 1st Lancs and the 2nd New Zealanders for the FARELF Inter-Unit Final will take place at 4.00 p.m. on the Club ground, and not at 4.30 p.m. as reported in our contemporary.

The Band of the Cheshire Regiment will be in attendance from 3.15 p.m. onwards and will also play in the intervals in the evening, when the final rounds of the Sevens are fought out.

Club 'B' v. Police 'A'

Police started with a bang, and a kick ahead was gathered by Riach who scored. Hobbs converted. 5-0.

In the second half Club "B" showed great promise, and eventually Brown scored for the Club. Bennett converted. 5-5.

For the first three periods of extra-time Club were on top, but could not maintain the pace, and in the fourth period Police almost scored after a glorious foot-rush.

In the fifth period Riach kicked ahead, and raced through, touching down as the ball crossed the line. 8-5.

Police 'C' v. Sappers

Sappers played throughout with six men and fully deserved their win.

They missed an easy penalty in the first half, and then got the ball from a short penalty-kick and raced into the open to drop a goal. 3-0.

In the second half a good three move put the Sappers another three points in the lead when they scored well out. 6-0.

In the closing seconds Police scored from a loose maul and converted to make it 6-5 but could do no more.

1 RNF v. Police "B"

The RNF have a nice little team here which could surprise some of the more favoured teams before the end of the Sevens.

They started with a foot-rush, then picked up the ball, passed out and scored under the posts. This was converted. 5-0.

The Police rallied until half-time, but could not score and the Fusiliers with a glorious run up the wing settled the matter in the second half. Their touchdown was near the posts, and was easily converted. 10-0.

32nd Medium v. Old Crocks

This Gunner team is not the major side, and was faced with a very fast Seven for an Old Crock side.

The Old Crocks gave away the first five points when their winger caught the ball and lay down with it in the path of the advancing Gunners. They took it from him, scored under the posts and converted. 5-0.

A good break by Roberts in the second half sent Hudson away to score well out. No conversion. 5-3.

Finally another break by Roberts with a kick ahead, and the Gunners were caught in possession. Moore scored. Hudson converted. 8-5.

252 Signals v. RAF Kai Tak

The Airmen were the first team to play Sevens as it should be played and they with with ease, and unless some Sevens pull their socks up they will win just as easily all the way through.

In most of the other games there was far too much kicking. The only secret of Sevens is possession, and this the Airmen made sure they kept.

With their three line moving very smoothly the Airmen opened with a score under the posts and converted it. 5-0.

The Signals kicked ahead, the Airmen gathered, and whipped the ball across their threes and went away to score again under the posts. 10-0.

Then another good handling move and this time they scored in the corner. No conversion. 13-0.

They eased up then and Signals kicked ahead and gathered and scored under the posts. 13-5.

Then the Airmen broke through again, their centre going through two tackles to score under the posts. 18-5.

HMCS Saguenay v. Wayfoong

Wayfoong were very disappointing here, but the Saguenay were wonderful.

They didn't have a clue but they kept trying and trying. Had they had a few practice games beforehand they would have swept Wayfoong right out of the Tournament with ease.

Wayfoong used their backs to open the scoring with a try under the posts. Wiggett converted. 5-0.

From then on, Seguchay, getting the idea of passing the ball, hammered away at Wayfoong, but experience told and Wayfoong kicked ahead for Uttley to gather and score. Wiggett converted. 10-0.

Saguenay nearly scored after this but lack of knowledge of the laws robbed them of an easy and well deserved try.

Wayfoong then broke through from close to their own line and with Saguenay having no idea of defence Wayfoong had an easy try under the posts as the game ended. 13-0.

Club 'A' v. Gurkha Rifles

The Gurkhas nearly scored in the first second with a good three move before Club had found their feet, but Scruby broke away and was caught as he neared the line.

Penman picked up and scored. No conversion. 3-0.

Club pressed strongly until awarded a scrum near the Gurkha's line. The Gurkhas won and went all the way to score well out. No conversion. 3-3.

Penman broke away before half-time, was caught, but the ball went loose over the line and Club touched down. The conversion hit the upright. 6-3.

Club attacked in the second half, but the Gurkhas again broke through from near their own line to score under the posts. 8-6.

Ramblers v. Tamar 'B'

Tamar started well but faded and Ramblers with a glorious run from their own 25 scored and converted. 5-0.

Then another good try from the 25 and Ramblers were eight points ahead.

This was followed in the second half by another score from 40 yards out, and finally a high kick ahead gave them the chance of another score which they grabbed. 14-0.

Mustavon wins the Lincolnshire handicap

Lincoln, Mar. 23.

Mustavon, a lightly weighted five-year-old, won the Lincolnshire Handicap, the first big race of the 1960 flat-racing season, at 8-1 here this afternoon, from a field of 30 opponents.

The five-year-old son of Mustang, ridden by the Scottish jockey Norman McIntosh, won cleverly by three-quarters of a length from Major General, a 9-1 chance, with the 33-1 outsider Lavandier a short head away third.

The winner was trained by Sam Hall in Yorkshire. Hall trained last year's winner Marshal Pil who was also in today's field. He ran prominently but never threatened. It was the fourth time running that a Yorkshire horse had won this mile event.

Mustavon, second favourite, drew a splendid place at the start getting number 18. Major General drew 28 and Lavandier eight. Had Lavandier been better drawn he might well have troubled the leader.

Of the well-backed horses, Zanzibar was the only one to get the "kiss of death"—that is, to be drawn under ten at the start.

Withdrawn

Fuel, one of the best backed horses for the race, had to be withdrawn 20 minutes before the start because of cramp. He was third favourite in the betting at 100-8 when he was taken out. He did not come under starters' orders.

The Irish contender Courts Appeal was heavily gambled on when it was seen he was drawn on the outside of the field. At one time he was only 9-2 but owing to support for Mustavon, Major General and the American-owned Small Slam, he started at 6-1.

It was a glorious spring day and the going was perfect.

With about three furlongs to go Mustavon took the lead and, running on strongly, gamely held off the challenges of Major General and Lavandier.

The winner is owned by Mrs L. McVey. Major General is owned by the South African Mr Jim Joel.

The mare Wild Vine was fourth. Marshal Pil last year's winner fifth, Firecracker sixth, Zanzibar seventh, Sovereign Path eighth, Shameful Harvest ninth, Courts Appeal tenth and Perhaps last.

Mustavon's winning time was one minute 39.8 seconds.

Bettings

The Bettings were: 6-1 Courts Appeal; 8-1 Mustavon; 9-1 Major General; 10-1 Lindrick; 100-8 Franciscan; 100-7 Sovereign Path; 100-6 Zanzibar, Chalkstream, Small Slam; 25-1 Shameful Harvest, Middle Watch; 28-1 Pacifico, 33-1 Lavandier, Rampant, Michales, Trigger; 40-1 Firecracker, Perhaps, Abbots Star, Wildvine, Signalboy; 50-1 Marshal Pil, Jorama, Light of Road, Beauty Box; 66-1 others.

Dividends

Totalisator returns to four shilling stakes were:

Mustavon: Win — £1 19s. 2d. Place — 14s 8d.

Major General: Place — 14s 6d.

Lavandier: Place — £3 8s. 2d.—Reuter.

Odds down on favourites for the National

London, Mar. 23.

After Mustavon's popular win in the Lincolnshire Handicap today there has been a general tightening of prices against the leading fancies in the Grand National to be run on Saturday.

Team Spirit, the favourite, is now a 6-1 chance after being 8-1 at the last callover on Monday. Merryman has hardened from 10-1 to 7-1, and the former favourite, the Scottish-trained Wyndburgh, has come from 11-1 to 8-1.

If Team Spirit wins one London bookmaker will pay £128,500 sterling on the double. If Merryman wins it will be £120,500 sterling, and if Wyndburgh succeeds the pay out will be £278,500 sterling.—China Mail Special.

Canada badminton open tourney

Winnipeg, Mar. 23.

Teh Kew-san of Malaya and Tan Joe-hok of Indonesia won their first round matches in the Canadian Open Badminton Championships here today.

Teh beat Renie Bradley (Canada) 15-2, 15-7, and Tan beat Syd Lothian (Canada) 15-2, 15-6.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

10th Race Meeting
Saturday, 19th and Saturday, 26th March, 1960
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 10 RACES

(There will be 9 races on the First Day and 10 races on the Second Day).

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an admission badge, which must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting, will be admitted.

Admission Badges at $10.00 each per day are obtainable during office hours from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Aguilar Street, King's Road, North Point, and 382 Nathan Road, only on the written introduction of a Member. THESE BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years, Western standard will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be $3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of $3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at $18.00 for the First Day, $20.00 for the Second Day and $38.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 18th March, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 30th April, 1960, at $2.00 each and tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting at $2.00 each may be obtained from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices.

The office hours of the Club's Cash Sweep Offices are as follows:—

Queen's Building, (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong on:—
Week-days, Mondays to Fridays ..... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 19th and
Saturday, 26th March ..... 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon on:—
Week-days, Mondays to Fridays ..... 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, 19th and
Saturday, 26th March ..... 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. Arnold,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1960.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 11th Race Meeting 1959/60 to be held on Saturday, 9th and Saturday, 16th April, 1960, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 29th March, 1960.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

10TH RACE MEETING 1959/60

Owners are reminded that Declarations of starters and riders for the Second Day close at the Secretary's Office, Happy Valley, at 10.00 a.m. on:—

Friday, 25th March, 1960.

A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd Mar., 1960.

It's 'black versus gray' at the world title chess match in Moscow

Moscow, Mar. 23.

In classical chess, it is always white pieces against black pieces and frequently youth against age.

In the world championships here, now one-sixth complete, it is black against gray — the dark complexioned, intense youth Mikhail Tahl against gray, aging champion Mikhail Botvinnik.

At 23, the swarthy Tahl, who rocketed to the fore in three years, rested today after taking a lead over Botvinnik at the end of four games. Twenty games remain.

Tahl needs only to draw in the next 10 games—without even a single victory—to win the title from Botvinnik, now 48, who has been winning chess titles for 32 years.

The challenger has 2.5 points and must gain 12.5 points. Botvinnik with 1.5 points can retain the title if he forces the match to 12-12 (tie) points.

Even in clothing

Tahl has won the first game and forced draws in three.

The "black versus gray" motif is carried out even in the men's clothing.

Tahl shows up for the games at the Pushkin Theatre stage in a black suit with a dark cravat. His hair is black, his face tanned by the Latvia Sun. Botvinnik invariably wears a gray suit with a subdued colour cravat. His graying hair is far back on his head, which is balding at the temples and crown. In moments of stress—which Tahl provides — a touch of pink reaches his grayish face.

Except for one year when Vasily Smyslov defeated him in 1957, Botvinnik has been the world champion.

But on the Pushkin stage, framed by red draperies where the sound of arguments by spectators is prevalent after each move, it is Tahl, who looks and acts like the champion.

Mental torture

Tahl is always poised, self-assured, quick to move, quick to sacrifice. Botvinnik takes a long time to ponder his next move. And Tahl stands hawk-like over the table or paces about the stage.

The champion shows a mental torture when Tahl springs an unexpected move in answer to the Botvinnik classic pattern. While planning his next move, Botvinnik squirms in his chair, crossing and uncrossing his legs, rubbing his eyes, fingering his cravat.

Tahl sits quietly but with a brooding tenseness almost as if he could devour the board through his eyes. But otherwise, he is impassive.

One Soviet grandmaster, **Mikhail Kotov, compares Tahl to a flame and Botvinnik to ice.**

But if Tahl is a flame, he is burning with a steady intense heat and younger chess experts expect him to consume the not-so-icy Botvinnik. Botvinnik's iciness is more like a damp chill these nights.

Some older chess players, perhaps out of sentiment for Botvinnik or for resentment to Tahl's meteoric rise, have been saying the champion still has the necessary tools to win.

Actress wives

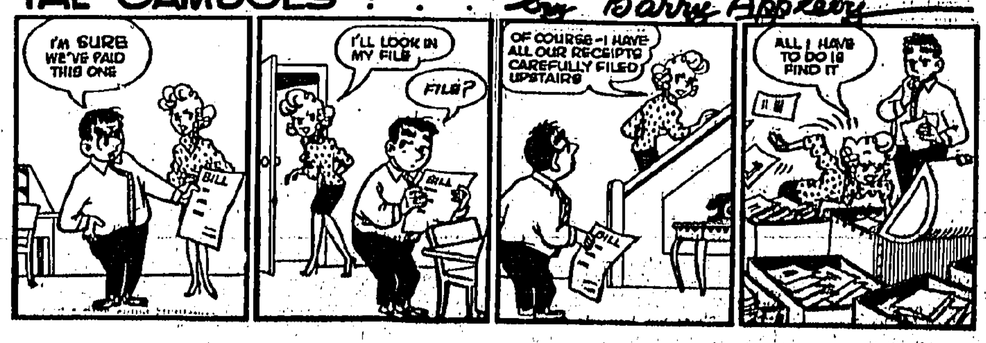
Botvinnik is a power engineer, while Tahl studied journalism at the Riga Language School. Tahl has played so much chess, however, he has not spent too much time writing and friends do not know how he makes his living.

The two have one thing in common — besides their chess—and that is they are married to actresses.

However, Tahl married only four months ago while Botvinnik has a 20-year-old daughter.

As another indication of differences between the two, friends describe them thus: Botvinnik —"gentle but sober, never laughing," and Tahl — "A merry chap who is quick to joke and laugh."—AP.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barrie Appleby



HOT WATER
in an instant
WITH GAS

SATURDAY'S INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

Wales can check France's second Championship bid

By JOHN COTTRELL

Anyone, even the most ardent of Welsh supporters, who saw Wales completely outclassed and outplayed at Twickenham in the first international of the year, would never have believed that they would be placed second in the championship table as they came to their last hurdle of the season.

Yet here they are at Cardiff, with victories over Scotland and Ireland behind them, ready to upset the French hopes of finishing international champions for the second year in succession.

Of course, the Welshmen have been lucky—a fact virtually admitted by the selectors who ignore the maxim of never changing a winning team.

There are four changes from the Welsh team which, against all the run of the play, defeated Ireland 10-9 in Dublin.

The most important of these is the replacement of fly-half Cliff Ashton by Swansea's Bryn Richards. He is the only new cap.

Criticised

Ashton has served Wales with steady competence rather than brilliance since he succeeded the great Cliff Morgan last year. But in Dublin, when he was supplied with immaculate passes by scrum-half Onllwyn Brace, he was strangely hesitant in his moves.

He has also been criticised for crowding his centres too much with his sudden wide sweeps across the field as he tries to go round the outside of his opposite number.

Richards is not regarded as such a steady player, but he is often more brilliant. More important, he is accustomed to the wiles of the unpredictable Brace. They played together regularly in the RAF and combined well in the second Welsh trial this season.

Superior punch

Much will depend on this half-back partnership, and if they can successfully open up the game behind the scrum; I believe Wales pack the superior punch in their three-quarter line to land a knock-out blow.

Forward, France look the more dangerous and they can be expected to concentrate on launching the forward movements they execute so efficiently.

Their favourite gambit this season has consisted of the forwards advancing in close formation and the man with the ball turning his back on the opposition just before passing.

It is not an attractive method, but presenting a broad Basque bottom to the would-be tackler has the advantage of making it difficult to anticipate the direction of the pass.

Can the unimpressive Welsh pack hold the fiery French forwards in the loose? That is the vital question, but Welsh hopes of achieving this will be greatly strengthened by the return of skipper and hooker Bryn Meredith, whose inspiration was dearly missed in Dublin.

Still unbeaten

France are still unbeaten and, after their win there in 1958, for the first time they can take the field at Cardiff Arms Park without the psychological handicap of knowing they have never conquered in the Welsh capital.

But I fancy that France's long run of triumphs will be ended by a mediocre Welsh team that has the two assets which the French often lacks—a powerful leader in the pack and a little general (Brace) behind the scrum.

Moore-Schoeppner fight may take place on July 12

Los Angeles, Mar. 23.

A proposed light heavyweight title fight between Archie Moore and Germany's Eric Schoeppner may be held in Los Angeles on July 12, says Bill Fugazy.

Fugazy, Director of a syndicate that is promoting the Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson heavyweight title bout, says he has been led to believe the California Athletic Commission would approve the Moore-Schoeppner fight in Memorial Coliseum and permit the New York group to be co-promoters.

Fugazy said Moore has been guaranteed $200,000 and the German $50,000.

Ron Waller, ex-Los Angeles Ram professional football player and now a Santa Monica promoter, has been mentioned as a possible co-promoter of the Moore-Schoeppner bout.—AP.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Hockey

Ladies' Int'l: w/o Portugal and Scotland v England (KP) 5.30 p.m.

Badminton

Colony Senior Championship: Men's, Singles, Mixed Doubles at HKC, 7 p.m.

Soccer

1st Division: Happy Valley v Police (BS) 5.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Boxing

FARELF team championship finals at Macpherson stadium.

Rugby

Blarney Stone sevens at HKFC.

Hockey

Singapore Services v HK Civilians, Sookunpoo, 5.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

Annual and Extraordinary meeting of HK Lawn Bowls Association, Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.

Badminton

Senior championships: Men's doubles semi-final at LRC.

Soccer

Div. 1 (League): CMB v Tung Wah (BS) 5.30 p.m.

Wembley hero was refused a Cup Final ticket

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Hero of the Cup Final, George applied for hard-to-get tickets after World War II, but was turned down. Since then, he has refused even to apply.—London Express Service.

Second defeat in Europe for Chile XI

Stuttgart, Mar. 23.

West Germany beat Chile 2-1 to-day in an international soccer match watched by 70,000 fans at Neckarstadium.

It was the second defeat for the Chilean national soccer team now touring Europe.

France beat them in their first match 6-0.

Germany's two goals came in the 72nd and 76th minutes after the Chileans had taken an early lead in the 24th from a header by Juan Soto.—AP.

DRIVERS FROM 11 NATIONS TUNE UP FOR SATURDAY'S SEBRING SPORTS CAR RACE

Sebring, Mar. 24.

Steel-nerved drivers from 11 nations have taken their first practice turns around Sebring's treacherous course, tuning up for Saturday's 12-hour sports car endurance race.

Missing from the initial trials was the early favourite, Stirling Moss of England, who will drive an Italian Maserati. Moss is due on Thursday.

No attempt to reach top speeds was made in today's practice. Instead, the drivers devoted themselves to feeling out and memorising the hazardous turns and bends of the 5.2-mile course laid out over an abandoned World War II bomber training base.

However, Walt Hansgen of the U.S. was clocked unofficially on one lap at 3 minutes, 22 seconds in a Maserati. The competition record of 3:20, or 93.6 miles an hour, was set by Moss in an Aston-Martin in 1958.

$20,000 prizes

At stake in Saturday's around-the-clock grind will be $20,000 in cash prizes for the drivers and points toward the world manufacturing championship for the creators of the race cars.

The Italian Ferrari factory has boycotted the race because the cars are required to use a certain brand of gasoline while Ferrari has a contract to use another brand. This eliminated the famous Ferrari team drivers, Phil Hill of U.S., Count Wolfgang Von Tripps of Germany and Cliff Allison of England.

A dozen of the powerful Ferrari racers are entered, however, and four sponsored by Luigi Chinetti of New York, American representative of the Ferrari works, are reported to have the factory blessing.

Chinetti's drivers will be U.S. sportsmen Chuck Daigh, Ritchie Ginther, Ed Hugus, Augie Pabst, George Arents Jr., Lance Reventlow and Pedro and Ricardo Rodriguez of Mexico City.

Co-driving the favoured Maserati with Moss will be Dan Gurney of the U.S. Other Maserati drivers include Jim Rathmann, Carroll Shelby, Masten Gregory and Hansgen.

Formula Junior race

On the course with the sports cars today were Grand Touring models and the small but very fast Formula Junior cars which are gaining rapidly in popularity.

A 66-mile Formula Junior race is scheduled on Friday morning and a four-hour race for Grand Touring cars under one litre engine size on Friday afternoon.

Moss will drive an Austin-Healey Sprite for Donald Healey, the Warwick, England, manufacturer, in the four-hour race.

A heavy day of practice is on tap on Thursday, with the Formula Junior racers running one and one half hours in the morning and the Sports and Grand Touring models going four and one half hours in afternoon and night sessions.—AP.

ENGLISH OPEN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

London, Mar. 23.

Ernst Gomolla of West Germany was the lone overseas entry in the last eight of the men's event after today's play in the English Open Table Tennis Championships here.

Only three of the eight seeded players have survived—Gomolla, England's Ian Harrison and Josef Somogyi, who is Hungarian-born.

Seeded Frenchman Guy Amouretti was beaten in the fourth round by England's No. 7, Mike Thornhill. Thornhill won 12-21, 22-20, 24-22, 16-21, 21-18 to reach the quarter-finals.

Georges Muranyi, a Hungarian-born player now living in London, caused a surprise when he beat second seeded Derek Burridge of England 21-16, 18-21, 21-17, 17-21, 21-10 in another fourth round match.

Mrs Agnes Simon of the Netherlands who is also Hungarian-born, and Diane Rowe of England, who are seeded to meet in the women's singles final, both had easy wins in the second round.—Reuter.

Wayfoong cricket XI

The following have been selected to represent Wayfoong against Dodwells on Sunday, March 27, at the HKCC ground at 11.30 a.m.:

J. Dilworth, J. R. Hancock, P. E. Hutson, J. R. M. Lewis, A. J. Macgeorge, N. J. McLellan, I. N. Macleod, J. P. Mason, A. M. Nolan, I. M. Scott, C. P. S. Wiggett.

12th Man: T. L. Hooper. Scorer:—I. King-Holford.

Umpire: F. "Peanut" Marshall."

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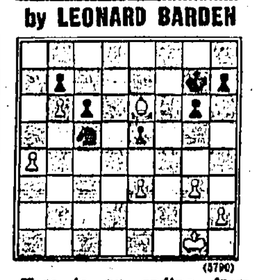
by LEONARD BARDEN



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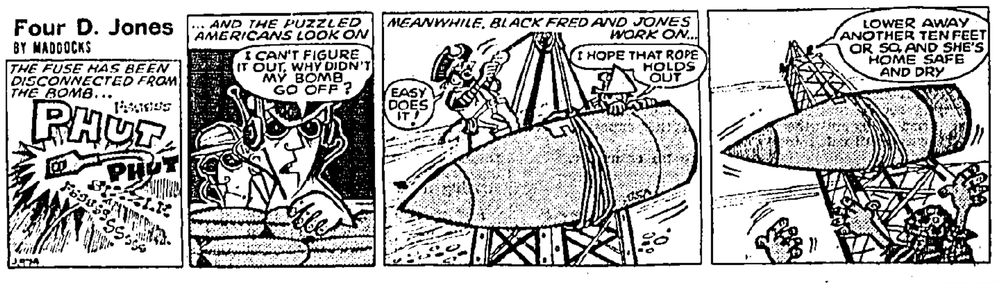

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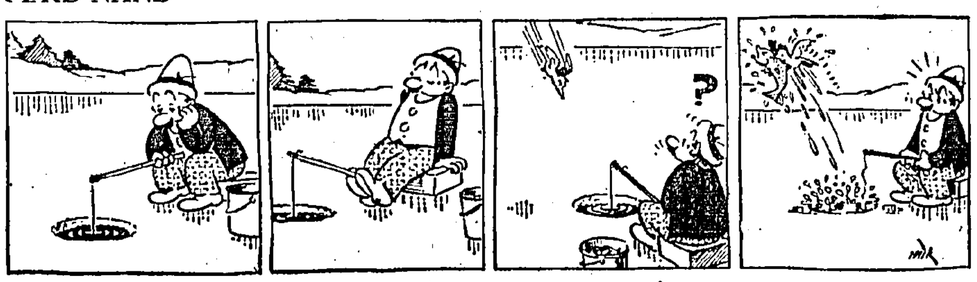

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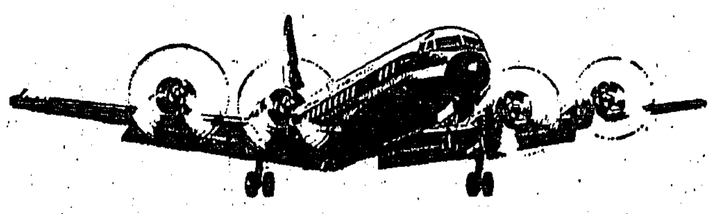

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YOUNG HIT-and-RUN DRIVER APPEALS AGAINST JAIL

The 22-year-old driver who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment and fined $500 or another month in jail by Mr I. T. Morris last Monday for failing to stop after an accident, applied for a review of his sentence before the same Magistrate at Central Court this morning.

Cheung Tan, of 34 Bonham Strand West, was represented by Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr A. K. W. Lui of Messrs Lo and Lo.

Mr Wan Iu-shing, a Justice of the Peace and a former Senior Education Officer, told the court of the defendant's character.

He said he knew the defendant's father, Mr Y. T. Cheung, a partner in a firm dealing in Chinese medicines, since the war.

As headmaster of Kau Yan College he came to know the defendant who was a pupil there.

Mr Wan told the Magistrate that as a student, the boy was rather "backward" in his work and "because of that I took special interest in him."

'Docile'

Mr Wan said he found, to his opinion, the defendant was a "docile boy," rather timid and easily excited.

Regarding defendant's general character, Mr Wan said there was nothing against him. "He is beyond reproach," he added.

Mr Wan said that a term of imprisonment would ruin the boy's future because people generally thought a person who had been in prison could be mixed up with those "criminals" and "undesirable characters."

People would feel shy to be associated with people in this class.

Dr Herbert K. G. Wong testified that he knew the defendant and his father for about 25 years.

As far as he knew, he said, the defendant was "mentally sound" but a little shy and timid. He added defendant was suffering from a state of anxiety, especially under emotional stress.

Very good

A 78-year-old retired civil servant, Mr K. Wong, testified that he knew defendant since he was a baby and he found him a very good boy.

A probation officer's report about the defendant was also submitted to the Magistrate.

Counsel asked Mr Morris to cancel defendant's prison sentence and give him an option of a fine.

Counsel also asked the Magistrate to disqualify his client from holding a driving licence for 12 months instead of six months as previously ordered.

Mr Morris reserved his decison until next Wednesday to consider the circumstances.

GOVERNOR VISITS NEW ASIA

The Governor, Sir Robert Black, this morning visited the New Asia College and the Tak Yan School.

He was accompanied by Mr D. J. S. Crozier, Director of Education.

He spoke to the acting principal of the New Asia College, Dr Ou Tseung Chen, and with his staff, including Mr Preston Schoyer, who deals with the business administration of the College.

At the Tak Yan School, Sir Robert Black spoke to the Supervisor, Mr Lim Hoy Lan and the headmaster, Mr Lui Sun Iu.

The school was founded in 1952 by Mr Lim, who also started the Wah Yan College in 1919.

Make quality products, he tells Hongkong

Hongkong should manufacture quality merchandise and explore new overseas markets. This was the advice offered by a visiting American business executive this morning.

He is Mr Aaron Scheinfeld, Chairman of Manpower Inc, of Chicago.

He referred to recent reports that some of American orders for local garments had been cancelled because of inferior quality. "If these reports are true, then I feel that the Hongkong manufacturers are making a very serious mistake if they send inferior goods to their buyers.

"This will destroy their markets."

TRADE PROMOTION

Mr Scheinfeld also advised the setting up of a sales organisation for promotion of trade. To this end, he said, his firm would be sending an official here in June to set up an office.

"This will help local manufacturers to distribute their products in other countries and also help in bringing in more tourists to Hongkong."

Mr Scheinfeld is on a three-month round-the-world business tour.

Heavier fines on gambling dens

A woman was fined $1,000 or six months by Mr I. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Court this morning, for keeping a gambling house.

"These cases occur with the frequency of at least one each week and there can be no doubt that gambling both in the street and in gambling houses is widespread," said the magistrate.

"It would appear that the penalty which has hitherto been imposed has not been a sufficient deterrent. It is therefore necessary that the severity of sentence be increased."

A gambling den at 44 Gillies Avenue, 2nd floor, was raided by police yesterday. The keeper, Luk Man-lam, 45, was arrested together with seven other persons who were gambling.

The police also seized $670.

This morning seven gamblers were each fined $50 and the table money was confiscated to the poor box.

Mr Donnell also observed that the large amount of money seized indicated the scale of gambling in progress.

CMA exhibition

The exhibition of the Ho Kin-chung collection of Chinese paintings and calligraphy held in the assembly hall of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association opened this morning.

This valuable collection of ancient scrolls, some known to be 300 years old, will be on view to the public until Saturday evening.

CHOPPER ATTACK: MAN IS JAILED

An employee of the Hongkong Ruttonjee Sanatorium was jailed for three years' by Judge P. R. Springall at the Victoria District Court this morning, after he had ploaded guilty to wounding a hospital steward with a chopper.

Chief Inspector C. L. Smith, prosecuting, said that the accused, Chan Mui, had been reported to a hospital sister on March 7, when he failed to turn up for work.

On the following day, Chan bought a large chopper from a Wanchai stall and attacked the man who had reported him, a Mr Ng Hong-wah.

Ng had been sent to hospital where it was found he had a fractured skull. He had made a complete recovery, however. Chan had refused to be examined by a police doctor, Chief Insp. Smith added.

In mitigation, Chan said he had a wife and five children to support, and earned $75 a month.

Chief Insp. Smith assured the court that Chan's circumstances would be investigated by the Social Welfare Department.

Car almost hit bus on NT road

A private car mounted the pavement and half-overturned in its attempt to avoid a head-on collision with a bus in Castle Peak Road near the junction of Laichikok Beach Road early this morning.

The near accident occurred at 2.20 a.m. when the private car carrying three Army men on its way to Kowloon swerved to evade a bus coming from the opposite direction.

There were no casualties.

Fraud charges

A company director, Chan Wan, alias Chan Hing-wan, of 50 Jardine's Bazaar, 1st floor, Hongkong, pleaded not guilty to two fraud charges involving $60,000, when he appeared before Judge P. R. Springall at Victoria District Court this morning.

Hearing was fixed for April 20, and $2,000 bail was extended to that date.

PEGGY TAYLOR

Peggy's recipe for good looks

By A China Mail Reporter

A beautiful ex-London fashion model, who arrived in Hongkong by CPA today, has an original recipe for keeping good looks.

"Don't sleep too much and work as hard as you can."

And Peggy Taylor, a dark eyed belle who insists that she is not photogenic "and definitely nothing to rave about," has proved it herself.

Peggy who lives with her architect husband in Kuala Lumpur has only had six hours sleep in the last three days.

"Twenty four hours is not just enough for me to fit everything in."

Politics

Apart from being a keen business woman, investor, dress designer and interior decorator she relaxes with an active interest in politics.

"It runs in my blood," she said "my mother was one of the original suffragettes."

Peggy is in Hongkong on a shopping spree but is also looking around for possibilities of starting a business.

For several years until 1952 Peggy was one of the top fashion models in one of the top London agencies.

She advocates an active life for any young woman who wants to keep looking younger.

"Don't be too tied down with scientific methods of keeping young.

"Just keep active mentally and physically and you can't go wrong."

Fire in city building

A small fire caused by a gas leakage broke out in a kitchen on the first floor of Queen's Building shortly before 10 a.m. today.

There were no casualties. Damage was slight.

From the Files 25 years AGO

March, 1935

A YEAR with the Chinese Communists — 12 months spent as their captive but in close contact with their daily mode of existence—has been the experience of Rev. Fr Ciprian Bravo, Spanish Dominican, whose unexpected release and return to Hongkong on Sunday has produced profound joy amongst members of his religious community.

It was nearly 14 months ago that the ancient walled city of Shahsien in Fukien, where Fr Bravo laboured as a missionary, fell to the Reds.

Fr Bravo confided to an SCM Post representative that the Communists did their best to convert him into communism, and with himself doing his best to convert them to Christianity, he feels that the honours were pretty even when he finally severed connections with them.

Not to be deprived of the last word, however, the Communists pressed into his hands a number of Communist tracts, with the prayer that he would speak well of them in the outside world.

Fr Bravo's release came shortly after the city in which he was held captive was bombed by Chinese planes. Thereafter the Communists started to move their captive from village to village, the change being made always during the night.

It is supposed that tiring of this procedure they at length gave him his freedom. Called to local Red headquarters one day, towards the end of February, he was given his papers and a sum of $5. With the money Fr Bravo was able to support himself on a four days walk which ultimately took him to Sinfeng, headquarters of the American Vincentian Fathers.

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LADY Southorn yesterday gave away the certificates to successful students of St Paul's Girls' College at a ceremony held in the Lee Hysan Hall. The occasion was given additional importance by the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the college and there was a large attendance of parents and friends.

The Bishop of Victoria, the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall took the chair supported by Bishop Mok, the Hon. Director of Education, Mr. G. R. Sayer, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr R. H. Kotewall, the Principal of the College, Miss K. Woo, Mr Mok Kon-sang, Chau Tun-sang, Mr Tang Shiu-kin, Mr Li Tse-fong and other member of the College.

PICTORIAL PARADE

LEFT: Miss J. Whittington, British Overseas Director of the British Red Cross Society, chats with Brownies during her visit to Sacred Heart School.

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BELOW: Mr C. M. Forsyth Smith gave a cocktail party for officers of the visiting Canadian naval ships. Seen (l-r) are Dr S. N. Chau, Mr Forsyth Smith, Capt. J. C. Pratt and Mrs Forsyth Smith.

ABOVE: Lady Black (right) presenting a prize to Mrs H.D.M. Barton at the Easter Flower Show held at Government House. At centre is Mrs E. L. Elias.

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RIGHT: A cocktail party for newly-arrived Ford Motor Company personnel who arrived here when the company's Far East headquarters was moved to Hongkong from Tokyo. Seen (l-r) are Mr R. Harper, Mrs D. Bird, Mr E. A. Oakley, Mrs G. Hinckley, Mr G. Hinckley, Mrs Harper and Mr D. Bird.

Woman claims dead brother's property

An elderly village woman claimed in Court this morning that she was entitled to her deceased brother's property.

"I am his younger sister," the woman, Yau Fung, said "And he had no other relatives."

She was testifying at the trial of a Chai Wan village elder, Shing Kwai, 61, on nine charges of forgery and false pretences before Judge B. J. Jennings in the Victoria District Court.

Shing is alleged to have forged assignments and memorials of leases in relation to land in Chai Wan belonging to two men, Lo Kam-tse and Yau Wah.

The Prosecution alleged that the forgeries were committed in 1948 and 1949 whereas the two owners had been dead in the early 1930s. Yau Wah's property, the Prosecution said, had been left in the care of the accused's father who had paid $300 for his funeral expenses.

The woman witness, Yau Fung, who testified yesterday, was cross-examined this morning.

Sold property

She agreed that she stayed in accused's house after her husband died. During the war, the accused had told her that Yau Hei, a cousin, had sold Yau Wah's property to him.

At that time, witness said, she told the accused she hoped to be able to look after the Yau's ancestral tombs. She maintained also that the land had nothing to do with Yau Hei.

She agreed she had paid nothing for board and lodging at accused's house. On the other hand, the accused had given her money for looking after the household.

Asked if at that time she had any property of her own, she said she should still have Yau Wah's property.

Returned

She said she had returned to the native country on many occasions after the war, and eventually lived with her grandson in Chai Wan.

Hearing is continuing.

Accused is represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan. Mr Simon Li, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

This funny world

"Apartment 428, gentlemen. You're to go right up."

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